PLO warns Hamas over killings

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip (AFP) — Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fateh faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) warned the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) Sunday not to carry out more "executions" in the Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip. A Fateh spokesman here, Said Ayad, told AFP the PLO had warned the manufacture and wrench the manufacture and the manufactu Hamas it would "lose the support of the population and wreck relations with us if it carries on like this." Mr. Ayad was referring to relations with us if it carries on like this." Mr. Ayad was referring to the killings of three men and one woman Friday and Saturday in the Gaza Strip, two of whom belonged to Fatch. Izzeddin Al Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas later claimed three of the killings. Five hundred PLO supporters protested over the killings in Gaza Sunday. A member of the PLO's bureau in Gaza, Talal Abu Sbitan, said Hamas "must tell us of its suspicious before deciding to execute a Palestinian." "It is not up to Hamas, to decide the fate of suspects," Mr. Shitan added Tueshe parallal have been killed in the Gara Strip time. Sbitan added. Twelve people have been killed in the Gaza Strip since the signing of the Israeli-PLO peace accord in Washington Sept. 13, most of them by Hamas, which opposes the peace deal.



Bashir to form new government

CAIRO (R) — Sudan's cabinet resigned Sunday to allow new President Omar Hassan Al Bashir to choose a new government, Sudan radin said. The ministers resigned a day after the military junta in power since a 1989 coup dissolved itself and appointed Licetenant. General Bashir, the country's military ruler, as Sudan's president. The radio said Justice Minister Abdul Aziz Shiddu proposed the resigna-tions "to enable the president...to select a new cabinet in accordance with the requirements of the new constitutional developments which provide for (Bashir) to assume the presidency of the republic." Gen. provide the (Bashir) to assume the presidency of the republic. Gen. Bashir has asked the ministers to remain in office until he appoints a new cabinet, said the radio. Diplomats have been expecting the moves for some months as Gen. Bashir tries to shake uff vestiges of military rule and promote a civilian image. The general took power in June 1989 when he overthrew a democratically-elected government in a bloodshed coup. The t5-man Revolutionary Command Council is-backed by the powerful National Islamic Front.

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AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Al Hassan Sunday reviewed with Yemeni Foreign Minister Mohammad Salem Bassandwah the latest developments in the region and exchanged with him views on issues of common interest. Mr. Bassandwah is currently on a private visit to Jordan.

Bread prices to go up in 1994

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government will reduce subsidy on a number of basic food stuffs in 1994, minister of Supply Radi Ibrahim has said. The Ai Ra'i Arabic Daily quoted Mr. Ibrahim that reduction of subsidies would include bread whose. price will rise by five to 10 fils per kilogramme. The current price of bread is 85 fils per kilo. Also to be affected will be animal feed whose prices will be slightly raised to the current' hlack market prices, the minister said. The other subsidised commodities will nut be affected, but the government will conduct a study on a new mechanism for gradual reduction of subsidies on the one hand and ensuring that needy groups only benefit from subsidies on the other, he said.

U.N. protests to Israel over shelling

TYRE (AFP) - The United Nations' protested to Israel Sunday after three Nepalese U.N. troops were mjured, one of them seriously in mortar fire from Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon. "We sent a strong protest to Israel," said Norwegian General Tord Furhoude, commander of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNI-FIL), who on Sunday visited the U.N. base at Majdel Zun, to the west of the occupied zone, where the three troops were injured by a mortar shell Saturday (see page 2) Gen. Furhoude said the Israeli army was "the occupying force and it is responsible.

Jailed ex-FIS chief said to be ill

ALGIERS (R) — An Algerian newspaper said nn Sunday iailed fundamentalist Abbasi Madani, wbose now-banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) nearly captured power in parliament, was seriously ill in hospital. Al Watan, usually well-informed on security issues, said: "He has been the victim of a heart attack which needed urgent hospital care." Mr. Madani, 62, was arrested in June 1991. A year later be was imprisoned for 12 years by a military court along with his deputy Ali Belhadj. The two were convicted of attacking state security, undermining the national economy and distributing tracts.

Iran says two 'rebels' captured

NICOSIA (AFP) — Security forces bave arrested two members of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, 1ran's main armed opposition group, after they entered the country illicitly from Iraq, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Sunday. The group immediately denied the claim in a statement faxed to Cyprus.

Huge blast near Kashmir shrine

SRINAGAR (AFP) — A massive hlast was reported late Sunday near an Islamic shrine where up to 100 militants have barricaded themselves against a possible storming by Indian soldiers. Residents reporting the explosion near or from the Hazratbal shrine by telephone said they heard the hlast around 11:45. p.m. (1815 GMT). "It sounded like a rocket taking off," said schoolteacher Suriya Begum from a residential district adjoining Hazratbal shrine located on the outskirts of this Kashmir state summer capital. Some 10,000 Indian army soldiers surrounded the shrine (see page 8).

Settlers must quit Gaza Strip-Shaath

Israeli officials say thousands of Palestinians could be freed soon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — All Israeli set-tlers must leave the Gaza Strip within two years, Nabil shaath, head of a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) delegation to autonomy talks with Israel, said in comments published in a newspaper here

"The settlers are not welcome (in Gaza) and the Israelis know that," said Dr. Shaath, who co-chairs talks on the Israeli military withdrawal from Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho, taking place in

the Egyptian resort of Taba. "They must leave. We will bave to accept them now for a period of two years, but then they must go," he told the English-language Jerusalem

Ultra-religious Israelis quietly moved into a new settlement in the occupied West Bank Sunday that is expected to house 1,000 families by spring. Thirty families moved into

Kiryat Sefer last week and 100 more are expected by the end of the week, said settler spokesman Shai Bazak, One of the settlement's leaders, Yossi Shvinger, told Israel

Radio that the settlement was

for ultra-orthodox and seminary students.

Mr. Strvinger said he expected 1,100 families in the settlement, located 35 kilometres northwest of Jeru-

salem towards Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Yitzbak Kahm's government piedged to balt settlement construction in the occupied territories and housing ministry spokesman Amit Dobkin stressed that Kiryat Sefer was already in its final stages when Mr. Rabin

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin said Sunday

that talks with Syria could only

make progress in direct meet-

ing such as those that led to

Israel's accord with the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation-

The formula laid out in Mad-

rid two years ago, where "at the same time all delegations

come to one place for a bmited

time, bas to date not brought

one Arab-Israeli agreement,

he said on returning from a week-long trip to the Far East.

"We (have) the intention of

reaching comprehensive

peace, but this means bilateral

peace treaties with all the Arab

partners ... any attempt to

condition one agreement on

the others is a recipe for fai-

His statements appeared

aimed at calming Syrian fears that Israel has sidelined talks

over the future of the Gulan

Heights while it concentrates

on implementing the accord granting Palestinians self-rule

in Gaza and the West Bank

Syrian Foreigo Minister

Farouk Al Sharaa said in Cairo

Saturday there was no longer a

need to coordinate with other

Arab parties for a joint posi-tion in light of the PLO's sepa-

rate agreement with Israel.

But he said Syria would not

attend the next round of U.S.-

sponsored talks unless Israel

"We are not going to the next round of sterile, irrelevant

talks in Washington," he said.

'We will not go to talks just for

the sake of talks. But if there is

any change from the Israeli

side, then Syria is ready to

showed more flexibility.

town of Jericho.

lure.'

The United States announced earlier this month that it was slashing Israel's \$2 billion loan guarantees for this year by over \$400 million due. to unauthorised investment in settlements.

"The government is not putting it up, not initiating new settlements it did not speed up construction," Mr. Dohkin

Mr. Bazak, however, said the move into the settlement, that lies just east of the green line was pobtical.

"This is a very political act that in these days instead of leaving, people are continuing to expand (the settlements) as always," Mr. Bazak said.

There are about 120,000 Jewish settlers living among the nearly two million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Under the PLO-Israel

autonomy plan, the settlements will not change in the initial two-year phase but their future is open to discussion for the permanent status of the occupied territories to be negotiated by 1998.

There are some 4,000 Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip, and their representatives have vowed they will stay on despite the antonomy deal.

Israel has promised to keep troops in the area to protect settler colonies. "We want a settlement

accord on the Egyptian-Israeli model," Dr. Shaath told the lem Post, in a refe to the peace deal signed in 1979 between the two countries which led eventually to a total withdrawal by Israel from the Sinai peninsula.

'The Israelis evacuated their settlements in the Sinai as part

is in separate agreements

The next round of peace

talks has been delayed because of the Syrian threat to stay

away, an Israeli official said.
"We have received an

approvincement from the Amer-

icans that there will not be

peace talks in . Washington

next week. They will apparent-

ly be postponed until the end of November," said foreign

ministry spokesman Rafi Gam-

An Israeli official, who

asked not to be identified, said

he believed the United States

decided on the delay because

of Syria's threat to boycott

unless Israel was willing to

Israeli-Syrian talks bave been deadlocked for over a year. Syria insists on full Israeli

withdrawal from the Golan

Heights, hut Israel wants a

commitment to full diplomatic

Israeli nfficials fear strong

internal opposition to any deal

to return the strategic plateau.

concern that is frustrated, Sy-

Israeli-Palestinian peace.

ria might try to sabotage the

Dr. Osma Al Baz, a top aide

to Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak, said on Israel Tele-

vision Sunday night that Syria

was ready to meet Israel's de-

mand for a full peace and that

an accord could be signed by

early next spring.
But he urged Mr. Rabin not

to delay finalising an agree-

ment with Syria so that the

Israeli public could catch its

breath and absorb the dramatic

changes that have already

taken place with the Palesti-

"It would be a mistake to say

At the same time, there is

relations first.

future round."

Combined agency dispatches continue negotiations in any

of the peace agreement, but Israelis still come as tourists,"

he said Dr. Shaath, a senior adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Ara-fat, said Israel should declare a eneral amnesty freeing 12,000 Palestinian prisoners.

"But we could release a number of prisoners immediately and the rest once we take over control of Gaza and Jericho and will be in charge of security," he added.

Dr. Shaath's committee is in charge of negotiating the prisnner issue with the Israelis. Mr. Rabin said Sunday that Israel would eventually release large numbers of prisoners held in Israeli prisons, fulfilling one of the PLO's conditions for peace.

"We certainly will come to the freeing of prisoners," Mr. Rahin told Israel Radio, confirming his intention to release the prisoners for the first time. Not just one bere and there, but big numbers."

He added that the prisoners would be freed in the context of the negotiations stemming from the PLO-Israel agree

number, but reports have said that only 2,000 prisoners would remain in Israeli prisons. Foreign Minister Shimon

Mr. Rabin did not give a

Peres said earlier that the agreement had negated the reason for keeping many of the 11,000 prisoners.

(of prisoners) will he released

that you cannot move on both

you have to digest the agree-

ment with Palestinians before

you move with the Syrians,"

Israeli Foreign Minister Shi-

mon Peres said in an interview

published in Qatar on Sunday

that Israel was ready to sign a

peace treaty with Syria but

Damascus was dragging its

the Qatari newspaper Al Sharq

in the first interview a Gulf

paper bas ever bad with an

Mr. Peres was speaking to

he said.

tracks at the same time or that

since circumstances have changed, the reasons for their detention and arrest bave vanished or changed. Our position also needs a change," Mr. Peres said to army radio. · Rabin says key to peace



FLIGHT IN PANIC: Haitians clamour to board a bus to take them out of the Haitian capital Sunday (see page 10). Many Haitlans

are leaving Port-au-Prince to escape expec violence following the shooting of the Haitian justice minister and the impending United Nations embargo (AFP photo)

Ross due here tomorrow ahead of mid-November Christopher trip

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Denis Ross, the Middle East coordinator of the administration of President Bill Clinton, is expected to arrive bere Tuesday for talks with Jordanian leaders nn the Middle East peace process, a senior official said Sunday...

The confirmation of Mr. Ross' visit came amid reports that Washington was delaying the next round of Arab-Israeli peace talks until the end of November in what was interpreted as an indication that U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was planning a visit to the Middle East in the middle of next month.

Fayez Tarawneh, Jordan's ambassador to the U.S. who arrived home Saturday ahead of Mr. Ross' visit, said the Kingdom would be taking up "a variety of issues related to the Middle East peace process and Jordanian-American relations" with the American offi-

Mr. Rnss, wbo will he accompanied by other members of the so-called Middle East peace team of the Clinton administration, is visiting the reginn to follow up on the recent progress made in some tracks of the Arah-Israeli negotiations and the apparent deadlock in others.

His Majesty King Hussein. His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali and other senior officials are expected to meet with Mr. Ross. Dr. Tarawneb told the Jur-

dan Times that as the cosponsors of the peace process, the U.S. has major concerns to ensure the continuity and fruition of the effort and to follow up on the recent developments following the Sept. 13 signing of an Israel-Palestine Liberatinn Organisation (PLO) declaration of principles and the endorsement of a Jordanian-Israeli agenda for peace negotiation on Sept. 14. While the PLO-Israel accord

cleared the way for Jordan to sign the agenda for peace talks with the Jewish state, little progress has been visible on the Syrian and Lehanese tracks of negotiations with Israel. The next round of talks, the

13th sioce the peace process began in Madrid in September 1991, was scheduled for an unspecified date towards the end of this month. But a report from Jerusalem

said that the Israeli govern-ment had been notified by the U.S. that the next round of talks was delayed until the end of November. 'We have received an

announcement from the Americans that there will not he peace talks in Washington next week," foreign ministry spokesman Rafi Gamzou was quoted as saying by Reuter.

Reuter also quuted an un-identified Israeli official as saying that be believed that the U.S. was delaying the talks because Syria was threatening to boycott the talks unless Israel was willing to make progress.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa said in Cairo Saturday that the visits of Mr. Ross and Mr. Christopher would determine the course of the peace process and said unless Israel showed willingness to make progress in the Syrian track of negotiations Damascus, would stay away from the oext round of talks. Dr. Tarawneh said Jordan

had not received any formal nonfication of the delay, but said: "If the report (of the delay) is true then it is a confirmation of a possible visit to the Middle East by Secret ary of State Christopher in mid-November."

The amhassador pointed out that a Christopher visit would need advance preparations, and then the Arab parties involved in the peace process would have to hold a coordination meeting, with the net result that the next round of talks would move to be delayed.

On the hilateral dimensions of Mr. Ross' visit this week, Dr. Tarawneb said the U.S. envny's talks bere would be an opportunity to follow up on the

(Continued on page 5)

Peres sees tripartite accord as inevitable

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday a tbree-way peace between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians was inevitable, and asserted that Israel was close to making peace with

"You only have to look at a map to realise there is no alternative to an agreement between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians," be said in an interview nn state-run

We are not far from reaching a complete (peace) agreement with Jordan," he

Israel and Jurdan signed an agenda for peace negotia-tions on September 14, the day after the Jewish state and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed a historic peace agreement.

Beilin's 'advice' Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beibn said Sunday that PLO Chairman Arafat should avoid talk of a

"Palestinian State," Israel Radio reported. "The idea of a Palestinian state is regarded as a threat by many Israelis. So it would be hetter to talk of a Jurdanian-Palestinian confederation," Mr. Beilin said, referring to the final status of the occupied territories, which will follow five years of

antonomy. Mr. Beilin, who was speaking at a meeting near Tel Aviv on the final status of the territories, said it would be "better to talk about practical matters, ratber than

dreams.' The final status still has to be negotiated.

Mr. Beilin met Mr. Arafat in Tunis last week to discuss the fate of Palestinian re-

Speaking at the same meeting Sunday, Ziyad Abu Ziyad, adviser to the Palestinian delegation at the peace talks in Washington, rejected Mr. Beilin's comments. "A confederation is a

framework linking states, and can only be envisaged after the establishment of a Palestinian state," Mr. Abu Ziyad said.

U.N. forces suspend hunt for Aideed

Combined agency dispatches

WASHINGTON - The United Nations bas given up efforts to capture Mohammad Farrah Aideed, although the Somali warlord may yet be held accountable for attacks on U.N. peacekeepers, U.S. Ambassador Madeleine

hard" in an effort to resolve

the crisis in Somalia and added

that she was "feeling pretty

But she added, "we cannot

afford to have those that attack

peacekeeping missions not ulti-

mately be held accountable."

After Gen. Aideed's forces

last June ambushed and killed

24 Pakistani peacekeepers, the

U.N. forces in the Somali

capital of Mogadishu gave top

priority to capturing Gen.

Aideed and bringing him to

good" about the progress.

Albright said Sunday.
"We have stopped the Israeli official. Al Sbarq said its correspondent interviewed search process against General Aideed at this time," she said Mr. Peres in Jerusalem.
"We are ready to sign with on NBC's "Meet the Press." Svria... but the Syrians are nut Ms. Albright, who is Amerready for this signature. They talk more than they act," Mr. ica's representative at the United Nations, said "we are Peres said. pressing the political track very

On Saturday Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Ben Jassem Al Thani was quoted as saying he met Mr. Peres earlier this month to discuss the Mid-

dle East (see page 2). Mr. Peres told A! Sharq that comprehensive peace was vital for the Middle East. "I think it is impossible to solve problems separately, they should be solved on a regional hasis through a regional strategy."

The Middle East imports food products worth \$32 billion a year and imports weapons at about the same cost... if we reach a political agreement it would be possible to save some of expenses and instead of importing food and weapons the Middle East would make peace and produce its food pro-

ducts," he said. 1sraeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said Sunday Syria was "surprised and perhaps a little insulted," by the Israeli-PLO pact.

justice. In recent months U.S. troops often spearheaded the search and, in turn, became the most prominent target of Somali attacks.

Violence in the capital has since escalated, culminating in an Oct. 3 street battle — part nf a search and capture mission - that left up to 18 Americans dead and brought about a quick shift in U.S. policy.

ised to "depersonalise" the conflict in Mogadishu, saying Somalia by March 31.

Nation's special envny to Somalia, retired U.S. Admiral Jonathan Howe, said last week that the U.N. effort to capture Gen. Aideed continued.

action against Gen. Aideed would be seen as appeasement towards the clan leader, Ms. Albright responded: "What we're doing is trying a different method. What I think we all

President Bill Clinton prom-

be would work for a political settlement while pledging that all U.S. troops would be nut of Nevertheless, the United

Asked about her recent statement that failure to take

have to learn in this period is flexibility. There are different ways of doing things, and we are trying different tools." Ms. Albright also said she had discussed with U.N.

Secretary General Boutors Ghali the advisability of visiting Mogadishu during his pre-sent African tour and noted: "I think that there are aspects to it that might he not the best."

U.S. nfficials have expressed concern about the timing of Dr. Ghali's visit to the volatile, capital, but Ms. Albright said: "He is the secretary-general and he is entitled to do what he

Aideed supporters demoostrated in Mogadishu Sunday with an angry message for Dr. Ghali — any visit by him to their country would be unwel-

"Dr. Ghali has bombed us and murdered us. We don't want him here," screamed an Aideed aide through a loudspeaker as he perched on the balcony of a ruined building in

The crowd, composed main-

ly of culnurfully-dressed women and children, waved their fists and bellowed back: "Boutros Ghali down, UN-OSOM (the U.N. Operation in Somalia) down."
The Washington Post re-

ported Sunday that U.N. officials in Mogadishu rejected peace overtures from Gen. Aideed a month before a battle that left 18 U.S. soldiers dead. Gen. Aideed offered to cease hostilities and begin a "mutual dialogue" a month before the Oct. 3 battle, the Post said in a report from

Mogadishu, citing a confidential U.N. document. The offer was part of a series of discussions through back channels during which U.N. officials, ofteo without their superiors' knowledge, tried to strike a peace agreement even while a massive effort to cap-ture Gen. Aideed was under-

way, the Post said. The report was hased on information from John Drysdale, who resigned last month as political adviser to Adm.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Fellowship in Cardiology (R.F) Diplomate of Internal Medicine Former Head of Cardiac Unil at Al-Basheer Hospital M.O.H. Amman is opening his own private Cardiac Clinic in Amman.

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an warms up to Iraq, S. Arabia to fend off U.S.

By Laurent Maillard

Agence France Presse TEHRAN - Iran has launched a campaign to normalise relations with its former enemies Iraq and Saudi Arabia. hoping the move will cripple U.S. efforts to isolate the Islamic republic.

After a three-year break in contacts, Tehran and Baghdad are to resume discussions on "pending issues" and a ceasefire signed between the two countries after their 1980-88

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was due in Baghdad Sunday following a decision by foreign ministers from the two countries during a meeting at the U.N. General Assembly

NICOSIA (Agencies) -

Lebanese Prime Minister

Rafik Hariri Saturday express-

ed hope that talks with Israel

could be unblocked by a visit

to the Middle East of U.S.

Secretary of State Warren

In an interview with Radio

Monte-Carlo, monitored in

Cyprus, Mr. Hariri blamed

Israel for the lack of progress

on the Lebanese-Israeli track

of the Middle East peace talks

that started in October 1991 in

Israel was "obviously busy

with the Palestinians,

Mr. Hariri said to explain the

lack of progress with Lebanon.

He was referring to Israel's

secret autonomy agreement with the Palestine Liberation

Secret negotiations in Oslo

gave way to the signature on

Sept. 13 of the historic deal on

Palestinian self-rule in the

In accordance with U.N.

Security Council Resolution

425. Beirut wants Israel to

withdraw from a southern

Lebanese zone occupied in

1978. Israel has said it will not

withdraw unless security

Mr. Hariri expressed hope

that "a new situation would be

arrangements are made first.

Organisation (PLO).

occupied territories.

Christopher.

Madrid.

last month.

"We bave decided to solve our problems with Iraq," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in announcing Mr. Zarif's visit iast week.

Iran had previously demanded war reparations - \$100 billion by U.N. estimates along with freedom for its PoWs and a halt to Baghdad's support for Iranian rebels as conditions for reestablishing

Although Tehran has avoided raising those condi-tions ahead of Mr. Zarif's visit, foreign diplomats here doubt that Iran would agree to a settlement with Iraq witbout securing at least part of the

Hariri hopes Christopher visit

will unlock peace talks logjam

tor to the Middle East Denis

Mr. Ross is expected to visit

the region next week, whereas

Mr. Christopher's trip has not

been confirmed yet in

Syrian Foreign Minister

Farouk Al Sharaa said Satur-

day in Cairo that Mr. Christ-

opher will come early November to the Middle East.

U.N. troops wounded

Three U.N. peacekeepers were wounded in South Leba-

non late Saturday by an artil-

lery shell fired from inside

Israel's self-styled "security

zone." a U.N. spokesman said. Timur Goksel, spokesman

for the U.N. Interim Force In

Lebanon (UNIFIL), said three

Nepalese soldiers with the

nine-nation force were wound-

ed when a shell slammed into

their post near Majdal Zoun

village, just outside the zone in

directly. Three soldiers from

the Nepalese contingent were

wounded, one of them serious-

ly," Mr. Goksel told Reuters.

forces) claim they did not fire

The IDF (Israeli defence

"The sbell hit the position

Ross and Mr. Christopher.

Irad is essentially tactical," a European ambassador said. "It's a move to convince the United States and its allies in the region that Iran is a potential source of trouble and could

not be isolated." "Iran has constantly squeezed a weak Iraq for concessions without offering anything in return," an Arab di-

On the domestic front, observers say Iran will have no problems in resuming ties with Iraq, which is considered by many radicals as Iran's "natural ally" in the struggle against the United States.

Normalisation of ties with Baghdad would also be supported by the families of pris-

was deployed in South Leba

incursion into the country.

non in 1978 after an Israeli

About 1,000 Israeli troops

and 3,500 of their militia allies

from the South Lebanon Army

(SLA) control the "security

zone," running about 15

kilometres into South Leba-

Earlier on Saturday guerril-

las using beavy machineguns

attacked a hilltop Israeli post

at Sojoud on the edge of the

buffer strip, security sources

Israeli gunners fired back heavy artillery shells on to the

Iglim Al Toufah mountain

ridge from which pro-Iranian

Hizbollah (Party of God) guer-

rillas attack the zone, the

Palestinian and pro-Iranian

Lebanese groups determined

to sabotage the PLO-Israeli

peace pact bave staged about

35-attacks on the Israelis and

their SLA allies in the zone

since the deal was signed in

Washington last month.

Israeli and SLA forces on

Tuesday killed three Palesti-

nians who entered the zone,

taking to seven the number of

guerrillas killed in the south

A Palestinian group said the

three guerrillas were to attack

sources added.

this week.

oners of war and of those missing in action as well as by the religious lobby in Iran, which sees improved relations as an opportunity to resume pilgrimages to Shi'ite Muslim shrines in Iraq.

But the chances of better relations appear limited as. according to one diplomat, "Iraq is still the main military threat to Iran in the region.'

Moreover, getting too close to Baghdad could backfire and provoke the international community, notably Iran's Gulf Arab neighbours," with which Iran bas been seeking rapprochement, he said.

Iran, in a bid to counter American pressure and to ensure its strategic interests, has also stepped up efforts to boost

DOHA (AP) — Foreign Minister Sheikh Hamad Ben

Jassem Al Thani has confirmed

he met with his Israeli counter-

part Shimon Peres to discuss

the Middle East peace process.

view late Saturday with the

Arabie service of the British

Broadcasting Corporation,

said be met briefly with Mr.

Peres earlier this month in

New York. It marked the first

time a Gulf Arab official has

acknowledged meeting with an

Mr. Peres, in his first inter-

view with a Gulf Arab news-

paper, Qatar's pro-

government Al Sharq, said

there have been secret meet-

ings between himself and "a

number of Arab officials." Mr.

Peres told the newspaper's cor-

respondent in Israel that the

time was not right to publicise

the meetings. Sheikh Hamad, a member of

Qatar's ruling Al Thani family.

said he met with Mr. Peres in New York while both officials

were attending the U.N. General Assembly.

"Discussions at the meeting

were meant to encourage the

Middle East peace process, especially on the Syrian and

Israeli official

Sbeikh Hamad, in an inter-

ties with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf monarchies, all considered U.S. strongholds in the

A reconciliation with Saudi Arabia, after 12 years of animosity, could also lead to improved ties with other Gulf Arab states and to common oil policies in a bid to control prices, diplomats said.

In a surprise move last month, Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani telephoned Saudi King Fahd to seek help in pushing through an accord during a meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Gene-

Mr. Rafsanjani's initiative was seen as instrumental in reaching a new agreement on

interview that was picked up later by the official Qatari

However, the agency said

Sheikh Hamad denied reports in the Israeli newspaper Haar-

tze that a high-ranking Israeli official had recently visited

Doba in an effort to establish

ties and try to persuade the

Gulf Arab state to help finance

The foreign minister also reaffirmed that Qatar would

remain committed to the Arab

boycott of Israel until the Arab

Arab countries, particularly

those in the Gulf region, bave

come under mounting pressure

from the United States to nor-

malise relations with Israel,

end the boycott, begin trade with Israel and eliminate the

blacklist of countries who do

Gulf Cooperation Council

(GCC) alliance have supported

the current peace process since

it started in Madrid in October

The GCC states also blessed the "Gaza-Jericho first" deal

Fighting threatens security

Qatar and its partners in the

trade with the Jewish state.

League decides otherwise.

Palestinian self-rule.

News Agency.

production ceilings and on ways to curb price falls.

But unlike Iraq, efforts at improving ties with Saudi Arabia are expected to be strongly opposed by Iranian radicals, who regard King Fahd as an "enemy worse than the United States" and one who represents "American Islam."

Determined to avoid such opposition, however, the government has obtained the approval of spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the National Security Council for a rapprochement with Riyadh.
"This confirms that Iran is

ready to go much farther than in the past in normalising relations with its southern neigh-

Qatari minister first in Gulf to disclose contacts with Israel Lebanese tracks, and to debate the issue of Holy Jerusalem," said the minister in the BBC

reached by the Palestine Liberation Organisation with Israel on condition that it be a first step towards a comprehensive Middle East settle-

Qatar was the first country of the GCC alliance which also groups Sandi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and United Arab Emirates, to revamp relations frozen with Iraq since its invasion of Kuwait in Angust 1990. Qatar sent back its ambassador to Baghdad late



the peace process.

last year.

"Since the Arabs and Israel wbo fought each other for 50 years were now approaching peace, it is more appropriate for the Arabs to consider steps to bring views among them closer," Sheikh Hamad told

The agency said Sheikh Hamad said that Qatar welcomed the progress achieved in

The 5,400-strong UNIFIL created" after visits to the re-Cyprus is on alert against possible terror

and heliconter-borne anti-ter- frained from speculating on the rorist policemen staged manoeuvres Saturday to demonstrate their ability to protect 48 world leaders attending next week's Commonwealth summit conference.

The exercise marked the end of a year-long training of 2,500 policemen assigned to protect the guests, who include Queen Elizabeth II.

Cyprus President Glafcos Clerides led hundreds of people who lined up the beach of ihis southern port city to watch frogmen surfacing from under the water and policemen slithering down on ropes from helicopters to storm a supposedly hijacked ship, over-power terrorists and rescue

Small arms fire and undersea explosions echoed during the

scheduled to attend the 7-day This tiny island has often

hour-long exercise. In addition to the queen, 47 leaders of Britain's former colonies and dependencies are

conference, opening Thursday. been caught in the cross-fire of regional violence, and officials have admitted in recent days that providing security for the summit had become a major

LIMASSOL (AP) - Frogmen Officially. Cyprus has relikely targets or threats. But the Irish Republican Army, for example, is widely

considered a logical menace to the British monarch. Over the past 20 years, there have been several plane hijackings. political assassinations and bombings in Cyprus as the Middle East's secret services settled scores.

In 1985, three Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) guerrillas, including a Briton, killed two Israeli men and a woman aboard a yacht in the marina at Larnaca. The Palestinians claimed the three victims worked for Mossad. Israel's secret service. Israel said they were tourists.

A car-bomb explosion on Feb. 14, 1988, killed three senior PLO officers in Limassol. They had come to Cyprus to charter a ship to carry pro-testers to Israel on a trip to dramatise the plight of Palesti-

The day after the car-bombing, the ferry the three officers had chartered, the phryne, was disabled by a limpet mine in the Limassol harbour.

British sovereign bases on the island also have been

Wounded returns home

targets in northern Israel.

tucky (Agencies) - A flag-

said at a welcoming ceremony.
About 3,000 well-wishers cbeered as the wounded army

> Mr. Durant, 32, was captured after a gunbattle on Oct. 3 with supporters of Somali warlord Mohammad Farah

Thursday. Earlier on Saturday, Mr. Durant was awarded the Purple Heart, given to military personnel wounded in action. by Army Chief of Staff Gordon

Base near Washington the C-14 military aircraft at Andrews on a stretcher and met by Secretary of State

U.S. pilot

FORT CAMPBELL, Ken-U.S. army helicopter pilot, Michael Durant, returned to bis Kentucky home base on Saturday after 11 days of cap-

tivity in Somalia.
"This is your last stop. This is your home. This is your family. We're going to take care of you. We're going to get you back on your feet." Mr. Durant's commanding officer, Major-General John King,

warrant officer arrived at the

Aideed. He was released on

Sullivan at Andrews Air Force Mr. Durant was carried off

Warren Christopher, Defence Deputy Secretary William Perry and other dignitaries.

in northern Afghanistan Agence France Presse

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan — Fighting in the far north of Afghanistan — generally regarded as a safe haven from the persistent factional clashes in Kabul - suggests a serious security breakdown in the region. The four central nortbern

Afghan provinces of Samangan, Balkh, Jowzjan and Fariab, which make up the power base of ex-communist warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum, are coming under se-vere pressure from independent local groups, as well as witnessing internal rifts among Gen. Dostum's own comman-

Perhaps the most serious incident was the reported jet bombardment about IWO weeks ago of Gen. Dostum's war college located outside Balkh's provincial capital Mazar-e-Sharif, and of his personal residence in Sheborghan. capital of neighbourhing Jowzian province.

The jet strikes were reportedly ordered by his rival Ismael Khan, in retaliation for Gen. Dostum's bombing of a contested border town.

in Kabul denied the Sheborghan attack but confirmed a jet-strike against "a military

centre" in Mazar. Mr. Khan, governor of the western province of Heart, has been steadily expanding his influence into six of Afghanistan's nine southwest provinces. cleaning up what he describes as "militia" elements, or remnants of the former communist

regime. Critics, bowever, accuse him of attacking any groups who refuse to acknowledge his sovereignty.
In Badghis province — sand-

wiched between Herat and Gen. Dostum's fariab -Khan recently captured the border towns of Ghormach and Murghab, and his infantry even pressed on to within 45 kilometres of Maimana, the capital of Fariab, before falling back to Ghormacb.

Gen. Dostum reportedly used his mazar-based jets to bomb Ghormach in an attempt to dislodge Mr. Khan, who belongs to the powerful Jamiat-e-Islami faction headed by Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

In Mazat-e-Sharif Gen. Dostum's forces and Jamiat had a

barricades being erected in the streets, local merchants reported.

They said the dispute, which narrowly avoided escalating into an armed clash, resulted from Mr. Rabbani's displeasure over Gen. Dostum's unofficial foreign visits. Gen. Dostum, who holds no

state office, bas made several trips in the region, most recently to Turkey and the former Soviet republics of Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. According to diplomats

here, the trips to the Soviet republics were state sanc-tioned, but the Turkey visit was made on Gen. Dostum's own initiative. Gen. Dostum,

short his stay in Turkey due to the disturbances in Mazar, continues to be courted by Jamiat and the rival Hezb-e-Islami faction of Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Both the Jamiat and the Hezb, which fought out a bitter power struggle for control of Kabul after the Mujahedeen takeover of the capital in April 1992, are seeking to gain overall military superiority through an alliance with Gen. Dos-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bush denies link to Kuwalt venture

KUWAIT (R) - Former U.S. President George Bush dea Sunday a report that he was involved in a joint irrigation pipeline venture with Kuwaitis and Egyptians. "I have no such connection, direct or indirect. Indeed I had never heard of the business venture your paper mentions, Mr. Bush said in a letter published on the front page of Kuwait's Englishlanguage Arab Times Sunday edition. The Kuwait New Agency reported on Oct. 5 that Mr. Bush had agreed to head a joint Kuwaiti-American-Egyptian venture called Gaya Technology to manufacture water filtration pipelines for underground desert irrigation in the Middle East. The report, published in the Arab times the following day, said the company would build a \$10 million factory in Egypt that would manufacture the pipes. "When I left the White House I was determined to conduct myself in such a way as to avoid any kind of activity, anywhere, that might diminish the respect that I feel for the office I was so proud to hold," Mr. Bush's letter said. "I decided I would have no connection with any business enterprise in the USA or abroad. I would serve on no business board of directors. I would make no personal investment in any business activity. To avoid any perceived conflict of interest, my personal finances are being handled by a trust company." Mr. Bush visited Kuwait on April 14-16 to receive a medal from Kuwaiti leaders to mark bis leadership of the coalition that bberated the emirate from Iraqi occupation in February 1991. Mr. Bush's party included his sons, Neil and Marvin, former Secretary of State James Baker, retired army Lieutenant General Thomas Kelly and former White House Chief of Staff John Sununu.

Rushdie exhorts Europe to take stand

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PARIS (AP) - British author Salman Rushdie, living under a death sentence decreed by Iran, on Saturday exhorted European nations to stand up to "this regime of gangsters." Europe "must make its choice," Mr. Rushdie said in a letter to the newly-formed Defence Committee for Salman Rushdie. "Does it want to keep this tyranny alive or send it back to the outer shadows from where it came?" The British author provoked the ire of Iran's former spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, with his book, "Satanic Verses," Ayatollah Khomeini, who is now dead, issued a decree in 1989 ordering Mr. Rushdie's death. Iran refuses to lift it, and the British author has lived in hiding ever since. Mr. Rushdie recalled the recent murder of his Norwegian editor, William Nyggard, and asked: "How many innocent victims must be killed so that Europe accepts to confront Iran?" "To tolerate these murders, to feign ignorance of evil can only encourage (Iran)." "Don't be fooled by this regime of gangsters which appears to have an absolute and tyrannic power, because it is at once feared and bated by Iranians." It was unclear whether Mr. Rushdie was adding his voice to a row between Germany and its British and American allies who protested Friday over talks held earlier this month between German and Iranian intelligence chiefs, a seeming bid to strengthen relations. Germany has important trade ties with Iran. The Paris-based defence committee, presided over by sociologist Claude Lefort, was formally established this weekend, in part to spread the defence of Salman Rushdie to schools, universities and libraries." It hopes also to act as a pressure group on French and European institutions.

Vietnamese premier holds talks in UAE

DUBAI (R) - Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Khanb beld talks Sunday with officials in the United Arab Emirates as part of a tour of Gulf Arab states to boost trade relations. The official Emirates News Agency said Mr. Khanh had arrived in the UAE on Saturday night. While in Kuwait, Mr. Khanh was quoted as saying that Vietnam was seeking loans from Kuwait to finance development projects and has offered to sell it rice. UAE newspapers quoted him as saying that Vietnam was interested in promoting trade relations with the UAE and exploring new opportunities for economic

Um Jihad: State would help make up for assassination

TEL AVIV (AP) — The widow of assassinated Khalil Al Wazir told an Israeli journalist that a Palestinian state would help compensate for her husband's death. "if the agreements (with Israel) will lead to a Palestinian state, all those who died. of them being my husband, did not die in vain." Mr. Wazir's widow told Pinchas Inbari of the daily Al Hamishmar newspaper. Reports published here have suggested the remains of Mr. Wazir. Abu Jihad, would be brought to Gaza for burial after Israel's withdrawal is complete next spring. Mr. Wazir, who was responsible for the Palestine Liberation on's (PLO) military operations against Israel, was killed in his home in Tunis in April 1988 by an eight-member squad. The PLO blamed Israel for his assassination, but Israel has never officially acknowledged the killing.

Egypt starts training Palestinian police

CAIRO (R) - Egypt has started to train hundreds of Palestinians to form a new police force in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. an Interior Ministry spokesman said Sunday. The spokesman confirmed reports in Cairo newspapers quoting Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi as saying 50 police officers. 130 administrative officials and hundreds of individuals had started training at Cairo's police college and other centres. Under the Palestine Liberation Organisation's self-rule deal with Israel, Palestinians will start to police Gaza and Jericho in December as Israeli troops begin withdrawing from the two areas. Palestinian police will be deployed elsewhere in the West Bank later next year. As well as police, units of the Palestine Liberation Army are training in Egypt and Jordan to become a Palestinian national guard. Their tasks will include helping to control the Palestinian side of Gaza's international borders. Israel will remain responsible for external security under the agreement. Thousands of Palestinians inside the occupied territories have volunteered to serve but it is not clear how big the police force or the national guard will be.

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DS VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT: sty Queen Noor Sunday opens a ing charity bazaar for the benefit es in the south of Jordan. All will go towards the implementacomprehensive development plan eigra village, in Ma'an governoe the Queen's visit to the village in or Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), ation with the Promise Society, e implementation of various det projects for the village, which upulation of 3,000. Dahouk Al ganised this year's charity bazaar, two previous fund-raising events

which helped finance nourishment projects for families in the village. Mrs. Daoud also helped establish a kindergarten and purchase a tractor for farmers in Al Qreigra. Proceeds of this year's bazaar will go to the establishment of a training centre for hand-icraft production to create new job opportunities and to enhance the living standards of families in the village. Upon arrival, Queen Noor was received by Mr. and Mrs. Daoud, as well as by NHF President Ina'am Mafti. Accompanying the Queen to the bazaar was Mrs. Noor Izzedine (Petra

Dr. Anani said the govern-

ment was willing to allow

Jordanian banks to open bran-

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vided they remain under the

control of the Central Bank of

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for trying to benefit from the

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He said Israel plans to im-

pose customs duty on goods coming into the West Bank from Jordan which, he said, would make it impossible for

the Palestinians to trade with

Jordan and also would mean

that the pledged aid would

benefit the Israeli economy

part of the Israeli economy.

The minister criticised Israel

nian authorities.

Arab solidarity ensures area's interests — Majali

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan, which is keen on maintaining good relations with all Arab states, is currently striving to improve these relations, according to Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali

The Kingdom has no interest in boycotting any of the Arab countries and believes that the Arab nation's highest interests could best be guaranteed through pan-Arab solidarity, the prime minister said during a visit to the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) where he met with CBJ Governor Mohammad Saeed Al Nabulsi and senior bank staff.

A lesson must be learned from previous experiments in economie fields and such ex-

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — More than 120

economie, administrative and

social development experts are gathering today (Monday) at Forte Grand Hotel in Amman

perience should be used to serve the Kingdom's industry trade and exports in the coming stage, Dr. Majali, added.
Pledging the government's support of private sector endeavours, Dr. Majali said the control of the

public sector would minimise its interference in order to promote production and ex-Dr. Nabulsi reviewed the major functions of the CBJ and

its future plans. The bank's main task, he said, lies in drawing up the country's monetary policies and controlling local bank op-erations and the national cur-

A general dialogue on development and economic issues followed Mr. Nabulsi's



Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali Sunday meets with Central Bank of Jordan Governor

iting British official says dan deserves full support

(PLO)-Israel accord and the

Israeli-Jordanian common

agenda for peace negotiations.

dan's stand and its call for a

just peace based on U.S. re-

He praised the European Community (EC) continued

support for the peace process. Mr. Hassan also spoke about

the large economie burdens on

as saying Saturday that his

country would offer economic

aid to the Palestinians, is on a

week-long tour of the region as

part of the British govern-

ment's efforts to speed up the

At another meeting Sunday

withs Minister of State for

Prime Ministry Affairs Jawad

Al Anani, Mr. Irman discussed

Jordan's economic relations

with the future Palestinian self-

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Mr. Irman, who was quoted

Mr. Hassan outlined Jor-

(Petra) - Visiting ish foreign officer man Sunday said ly understood Joralt economic situaded that the Kingves all forms of enable it to mainrole in the Middle

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International exhibition, orgathe International istablishment, inectric equipment iances, furniture, food items, cheosmetics, flowers, and tiles. Taking the eight-day exere 120 industrial, ral and service s from 11 counluding Germany, he United States,



United Arab Emirates, Sudan, Palestine, Taiwan, India, in addition to Jordan. Among the companies taking part are 20 Palestinian industrial com-

Prioce Faisal inaugurated the 4th Amman International Computer Exhibition organised by the Jordanian Society for Computers (Petra photo)

for a three-day conference en-titled "Future Horizons in a Changing World" to be beld under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Organised by the Amman office of the Engineering Man-Sbe told the Jordan Times agement Consultants Team International, the meeting will deal with technological de-

and development, freedom and democracy administration. among other related topics, according to Maqbouleh Hammonden, the group's Amman office manager.

The delegates will also direct their attention to challenges facing institutions of the Arab World, the post peace era, and challenges and prospects of new markets for Arab prodnets, added Mrs. Ham-

that experts from Jordan. Egypt and Saudi Arabia will deliver lectures to the audience

participants from the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

120 specialists to review 'future horizons in a changing world'

Palestinian delegate Nabil Shaath, who is also Team International's board chairman, is expected to present a work-ing paper tackling economy and technology, citing experi-ments in Southeast Asia for Arab countries to benefit from, said Mrs. Hamoudeh. Another paper, dealing with management in Arab institutions, will be presented by Ibrahim Omari, Team Interna-

tional's vice chairman, according to Mrs. Hammoudeh. She said 20 working papers are to be reviewed by the conference, the first of its kind to be organised in Amman.

The move towards peace in the region, its impact on the Arabs and the future challenges together with the spread of democracy and political pluralism will feature in other topics to he reviewed, she added.

She said Rima Khalaf from Jordan will present a research paper entitled "Jordan versus competition from the outside

Mrs. Hammoudeb said Team International, a nongovernmental pan-Arab orga-

nisation, undertakes consul tancy services for Araba gov-ernments and institutions and bas provided training for 750 Arab nationals, including those from the West Bank, in management and related

In the next two menths, she said, the group's experts will be visiting the West Bank to offer consultancy and training services and is planning to work out a scheme designed to help improve Jordanian industry and open new markets for Jordanian manufactured pro-

AMMAN (J.T.) — U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali has appointed Thoraya Ahmed Obaid as deputy executive secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA). Mrs. Obaid, a Saudi Ara-

bian national, was born on March 4, 1945, and bas a Ph.D. in English literature with a minor in anthropology from Wayne State University, Michigan. Sbe joined ESCWA in

March 2, 1975 and was promoted to different posts, the most recent of which was Chief of the Social Development, Population and Human Settlements Division. During her career with

ESCWA, she established the Arab Women and Development Programme in the Secretariat. She supervised the implementation of many technical assistance projects at the national and regional levels and provided technical advice to ESCWA member states in the area of women and development. Mrs. Obaid organised and participated in many workshops at the national and regional levels, as well as many international, regional and national seminars and conferences in addition to publishing papers, in the area of social



development, population and women and development.

She has served on many regional and international committees. Currently Mrs. Obaid is serving as a member of the Advisory Editorial Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women. She is als: . 1 member of the International Advisory Committee on Women and chairs the Arab Regional Advisory Programme Committee of the International Planned Parenthood Within ESCWA, she rep-

resented the Secretariat in the Appointment and Promotion Board at the headquarters in New York.

Mrs. Obaid is a mother of

Thoraya Obaid named Europe could absorb Jordan's ESCWA deputy head winter produce, says AMO chief JEDCO plans local, international trade fairs

AMMAN (J.T.) — An agricultural trade exposition held this month in Cologne, Germany revealed that European markets would easily absorb several Jordanian products, especially during the winter, according to Salem Lawzi. director general of the Agri-cultural Marketing Organisation (AMO).

Dr. Lawzi, who returned Saturday to Amman after representing Jordan at the exposition, said that Europe needsgreen beans, strawberries, sweet peppers and early seedless grapes, as well as berbs such as thyme, sage, mint and parsley; all of which can be grown in the kingdom, particu-

larly in the warm winter month in the Jordan Valley. He said that European markets would require reduced amounts of Jordanian cucumber, eggplants, marrow and tomatoes, since large amounts of these products are imported from Spain, Portugal, Greece Italy, Turkey, Cyprus, Morocco and Israel.

Referring to Jordan's participation in the expo, Dr. Lawzi said the AMO, in cooperation with several exporters, display-

ed vegetables, fruits and domestic plants and flowers at the expo. He said 3,975 firms repre-

senting 75 nations participated in the agricultural event. Jordanian products, which for the first time included white cheese, attracted visitors

and importers, be added.

Dr. Lawzi said he held talks with the German Agency for Technical ·Cooperation and Development on marketing Jordanian products in Germany. The agency, he said, has been helping Jordan to display its products at German fairs.

JEDCO plans fairs

Meanwhile, the Jordan Exports Development and Commercial Centres Corporation (JEDCO) is planning Jordanian trade fairs and exhibitions to be held inside Jordan and abroad next year, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted opened centres in Washington JEDCO Director General and Muscat and previously it Mohammad Bani Hani as saying Sunday.

The fairs and exhibitions are aimed at opening new markets for Jordanian products in an ever-expanding world market, said Dr. Bani Hani.

Since its establishment in the 1970s, JEDCO has succeeded in promoting the sale of Jordanian goods through its trade fairs beld in Arab countries including Tunisia, Yemen, Oman and Morocco and by participating in international fairs in Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Syria, France, South Korea and Ger-

many, Dr. Bani Hani added.
The fairs constitute part of IEDCO's endeavours to promote exports of national products, a programme which the government has been financing through a \$5 million grant obtained from Switzerland in the last few years, said the

Apart from these fairs, JED-CO has been active lately in promoting the work of its centres set up in 10 centres in Arab and foreign countries, according to Dr. Bani Hani. He said last year, JEDCO

had centres in Yemen, Iraq, Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Libya, Morocco and Russia.

JEDCO is continuously

cooperating with local and foreign consultancy services to explore new markets.

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Petra) — About ers from Jordan, and foreign counence on chemical of Jordan Monday, > Salah Al Din Al of the conference

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Organised by the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA), in cooperation with the University of Jordan and the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST), the con-ference will review 105 working papers presented by delegates from 25 participating

countries. Jordan will submit 46 papers dealing with local industries such as phosphate, potash, cement, petroleum refining and glass mannfacturing — all topics closely related to the environment — in addition to chemical engineering sciences. said Dr. Sayed.

In addition to the relationship between industry and the environment, he said, discussions will focus on occupational safety measures and planning chemical industries.

Among the delegates will be tens of professors employed by faculties of engineering in Arab, European and American universities, as well as researchers in the application of chemical engineering, added Dr. Sayed.

He said that during the conference the university will bold a three-day exhibition of engineering equipment.

New book looks into Islamic Action Front

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Al Urdun Al Jadid (New Jordan)

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Compensation panel receives 96,858 Jordanian claims

AMMAN (Petra) - Labour Minister Khaled Al Ghzawi. Sunday said the United Nations Committee on Compensation for the Gulf war victims has received 96,858 claims from Jordanians by the end of September, 1993.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Ghzawi, who is also chairman of the Higher Committee for Compensation, said all claims are governed by criteria set by the United Nations Security Council, which in this case is the Board of Directors of the International Committee on Compensation.

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Fresh start for Sudan?

SUDAN'S GENERALS who on Saturday chose to dissolve their ruling Revolutionary Command Council deserve to be commended and congratulated. It is hoped that by doing so the generals have put Sudan back on the path to political tolerance, democracy, pluralism and human rights. The Sudanese leadership, whether under Western pressure or not, needs to reform its political system and join the trend towards democracy and ethnic and political pluralism. That country has been plagued by a civil war, mass displacement of people, poverty, illiteracy, famine and the denial of political freedoms. Each of these factors has only contributed to the general deterioration of the situation in that Arab country. Sudan does not lack the natural resources. qualified leaders and friends in the Arab World and in the West who are willing to extend a helping hand.

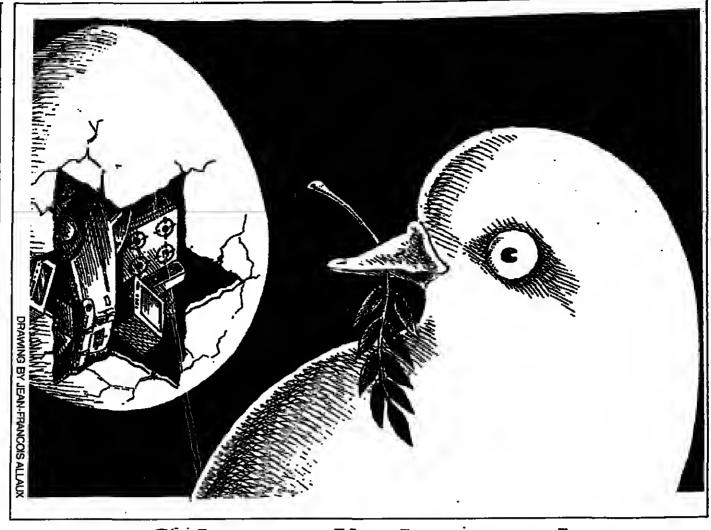
The Sudanese president, General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, has now a formidable task in front of him. He has to recognise and bring together the different political factions in the country and to win their support for political reconciliation, especially between north and south. He needs to pursue in earnest the deadlocked talks with the SPLA, the Sudan People's Liberation Army, to put an end to bloodshed and to the squandering of that country's meagre resources on armament and fighting. He needs to improve the country's relations with his neighbours and also with the West that has been targetting Sudan lately. And most importantly, he needs to consolidate the gains the country has made in economy. especially in agriculture. For economic development is a prerequisite for stability.

Gen. Bashir cannot certainly do all of that single-handedly. He will require the counsel and assistance of veteran political leaders and qualified Sudanese technocrats dispersed all over the world. The Sudanese people have suffered enough. After decades of turmoil, poverty and famine they deserve a hope for a fresh start.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

IT IS largely due to Israel's intransigence that no progress has been achieved along the Israeli-Syrian and Israeli-Lebanese tracks, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Sunday. What Israel seems to want is a kind of peace in which the Arabs will normalise their relations with the Jewish state, opening their borders for its trade and ending the Arab boycott without ceding any territory it occupied in the 1967 wars, said the daily. Holding on to very weak pretexts, Israeli leaders have been stalling and dragging their feet about the question of withdrawing troops from the Golan Heights and the southern Lebanese territory, thus making it impossible for any peace settlement, added the paper. If Israel believes that its agreement with the Palestinians would serve as a form of pressure on Lebanon and Syria. to succumb to Israeli wishes, it is no doubt living in total illusion, said the paper. The Israeli position has no doubt prompted the Syrian foreign minister to declare in Cairo Yesterday that there will be no return to the negotiating table with Israel unless they were positive indicators on the Israeli part. Syria believes that talks with the Israelis over the past two years was just a waste of time and effort, the paper continued. By so declaring, said the paper, Damascus is telling the whole world that it is for a just and comprehensive peace which can ensure the return of the usurped lands and is not ready to stand further Israeli procrastinations.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour daily Sunday commented on a recent report by the Arab League which revealed the high rates of illiteracy in the Arah World. The report said that 38 per cent of the men and 65 of the women in the Arah World are illiterate, which means that social and economic development is very poor and lagging behind most nations, said Taher Al Udwan. This Arah World, which has spent more than \$400 billion over the past two decades on arms which were not used for any purpose and which did not help regain lost Arab territory, is indeed living under the heavy hurden of illiteracy, making any talk about catching up with other nations futile, said the writer. Udwan attributed the Arab World's failure to achieve any economic and cultural progress to the poor infrastructure which makes any move towards achieving success in political, economic and social fields out of reach. He said that this high rate of illiteracy is bound to retard not only any progress, but also determines the kind of governments that rule in the Arah World and the manner in which the Arab m: -es deal with the political, economic and social challenges.



Cola war displaces real war in the new Israel

WHEN I first met Major General Amram Mitzna of the Israeli army in late 1987, he was spending 18-hour days throttling the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank while preventing terrorist attacks across Israel's border with Jordan. A muchdecorated war hero with a military man's ruthless determination and a liberal's conscience, he didn't much care for the work, as he was the first to

The last time I saw Gen. Mitzna, a few weeks ago, be had retired from the army after a distinguished 30-year career and was running for mayor of Haifa. He bad turned down the prospect of becoming directorgeneral of Israel's Ministry of Defence to take over a city of 251,000, a much tougher and grubbier position. The reason?

"You know, as we begin to make peace agreements with our neighbours, security is no longer the most important issue on the agenda," he told me. "Now it's economic and social questions that are going to decide Israel's future. This is where we're beading and this is where I want to get iovolved.

Amram Mitzna's decision is in many ways Israel's as well. Over the past balf dozen years ever since the Palestinian uprising, the intifada shattered two decades of status quo relationships and status quo thinking in both Arah and Jewish society. Israel has been on the move. Last month's historic signing of a joint declaration of principles between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation was dramatic confirmation of that national jour-

ney.
The old Israel — heroic, insular, beleaguered and collectivist, surrounded by ireplacable enemies in a state of constant siege - still captures most of the headlines. But a new Israel, on display in the Washington ceremony, is coming of age - still cognisant of its tragic, blood-stained past, but self-confident, pluralistic, more open and more bourgeois. The old Israel needed generals; the new Israel needs mayors, high-tech engineers, risk-taking entrepreneurs, modern managers and lots and lots of demanding insanable consumers. And, of course, to really blossom, it needs the peaceful relations with its neighbours that last month's accord held out as a promise.

My family and I lived in Israel between 1986 and 1989, when I was Jerusalem bureau chief for The Washington Post. We returned for a sabbatical last year, a few weeks after the Israeli left captured the June election and the Labour Party's Yitzhak Rahin became prime minister. We were astonished by how much had changed in that brief time.

The defeat of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud - which after 15 years in power believed itself to have a permanent lock on the government - was the most visible part of it. But there was much more. Three years of solid economic growth, a 10per cent population increase due to the immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union, and the gradual crumbling of the old, quasi-socialist economy had turned Israel into a very different country. The streets of Jerusalem were jam-

med with late-model cars, the supermarkets stocked with imported foods, and there were new shopping malls, coffee shops and American fast-food franchises wherever we turned. Brave new high-tech firms like Scitex and slimmed-down, revitalised companies like Koor and El Al were booming.

Even the seemingly immutable features of Israeli life had changed. The army and the government press office had moved from the old Zionist six-day work week to the Western-style five-day variety. And the operators at Bezek, the infamous state telepehone monopoly whose hureaucrats could have given insensitivity lessons to the KGB, seemed nicer. I called about a malfunctioning phooe line and, wonder of wonders, a Bezek technician arrived and fixed it on the same afternoon. I thought I'd died and gone to Switzerland.

New life has come to grassroots movements that for years were buried under the weight of the obsessioo with security. The Israeli Knesset (parliament) held its first public hearing on gay rights several recently on sexual harassment of women in the army. By early next year Israelis will be recycling paper, metal and glass for the first time. Air and water pollution suddenly matter to people who not so long ago seemed to spend all of their free time and conversation worrying about the next

The new wars are Americanstyle and bloodless the cola war after Pepsi (which for years had honoured the Arab boycott against Israel) took the plunge and entered the fray against Coke, the pizza war between Dominos and Pizza Hut, neither of which had existed heree when we left in 1989, and coming soon, the French fry war between McDonald's, which bas sought to hreak up the state-sanctioned local monopoly on frozen fries, and the local Burger-Ranch.

Of course, all of this yearning for westernised consumerism isn't an unvarnished good. The old Israel was a cohesive community that took care of its own and gave all of its members a sense of shared purpose and sacrifice that life in the capitalist fleshpots of the West too often lacks. There was also an egalitarianism — the head of one of Israel's largest computer firms served in the same reserve military nnit as bis driver. In the mess hall and on patrol in the Gaza Strip, they were equals. The crime rate was ridiculously low, as was the unemployment rate. .

The new Israel is enjoying single-digit inflation for the first time in decades, hut is also hurdened for the first time with double-digit unemployment. It is scrambling to absorb nearly a half million Russian Jews, the cream of a former superpower, into a country of 5 million. And it is still wrestling with the tensions and contradictions of trying to be a Jewish state and a secular democracy

at the same time. Yitzhak Rabin, the old warrior, and his aides saw the wave of change sweeping this country and sought to ride it during the 1992 election. They ran a Bill Clinton-style campaign that promised "a new

agenda" that would turn Israel around. It was essentially an appeal to economic populism and to widespread disaffection with Mr. Sbamir's Likud, which looked compromised. corrupted and hankrupt of ideas after so many years in

Like Mr. Clinton, Mr. Rabin has been slow to deliver. The Labour Party has a lot of constituents who still helieve socialism isn't a dirty word and who still draw their salaries from the bureaucracy and oldstyle Zionist institutions. Mr. Rabin and his cabinet have had to tread lightly - the muchanticipated privatisation of state-ruo compaoies, the selling-off of state-held bankshares and the reform of the bloated, inefficient, statecontrolled bealth fund have all gone much slower than plan-

At the same time, Mr. Rabin has changed spending priori-ties io fundamental ways. Much of the money that under the Likud went to fund the building of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza is now helping finance oew roads, schools and other poblic oceds inside Israel proper. The phone system and national electrical grid are undergoing intense modernisation. Such investments are invisible at first — they doo't pay off for five or 10 years. But they will have a lasting impact on what Israel will look like in 2000.

What has been highly visible is Mr. Rahin's handling of the security situation — which all the warm, cuddly, Americanised rhetoric at last week's signing cannot disguise. Despite the handshake between Mr. Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat, relations between Israelis and Palestinians have been steadily deteriorating since the time of the Gulf crisis in 1990. In fact, relations have gotten worse still under Mr. Rabin, considered more pragmatic than Mr. Shamir. But Mr. Rabin, as it turned out, not only contributed to the enmity, he used it to help prepare the Israeli public for the deal of the decade.

Mr. Rabin understood that the Likud had become the victim of its own Greater Israel ideology. Since Likud preached that the West Bank and Gaza were a permanent part of Israel, it opposed the idea of separating the people of the territories from those of Israel proper. When waves of stabbings of Israelis by Palesti-nians occurred, Likud leaders would seal off the territories for a while, but were always compelled by their own beliefs to eventually open up the invisible borders again.

Mr. Rabin, whose Labour Party bad long wanted to "separate Israel from Arab population centres, had no such compunctions. Wheo a new spate of stahbings occurred in March, he sealed off the West Bank and Gaza indefinitely. It was a cruel move for the 120,000 or so Palestinians who earn their living inside the old Green Line dividing the territories from Israel. But to his amazement, Mr. Rabin, found that among Israelis it was the most popular act of his premiership, the stahhings declined markedly, and many Israelis breathed more freely in their own cities. Ever since Mr. Rabin has exploited this strong desire for physical separation between the two peoples to help persuade his countrymen that now is the time to pull out of the territories.

Mr. Rabin doesn't always seem to grasp the nature of the wave he is attempting to ride. When a half dozen Israeli students were stabbed outside a Jerusalem high school earlier this year, he bemoaned the fact that young Israelis no longer flocked to self-defence training, as had earlier generations. Today's youths aren't made of the same stern stuff, he seemed to be saying, and be was correct, of course. But why should they be? They're more interested in cars and compact discs than the conflict, and Mr. Rabin's own policies have contributed to that mind-set.

And now comes the bigges gamble of all. With a few strokes of the peo and a muchphotographed handshake, Mr. Rabin is hoping to end the old state of siege forever. He needs immediate payoffs; perhaps less violence in the occupied territories; diplomatic relations with moderate Arab states such as Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Morocco, and the long-awaited takeoff of an already robust Israeli economy fuelled by the peace dividend. If he can convince Israelis that they lose nothing in security but gain economic benefits and international acceptance then he wins. It would be by far the most tangible asset he and Labour could take into the next election, currently scheduled for 1996.

Benjamin Netanyahu, Mr. Shamir's recently chosen successor as leader of Likud understands Mr. Rabin's strategy and is seeking to undermine it. He realises he can't attack the portion of the agreement that calls for withdrawal from Gaza — 80 to 90 per cent of Israelis support such a move and Mr. Netanyahn himself was among those Likudniks who tried unsuccessfully to convince Mr. Shamir to announce such a step before the last election. Instead he hammers away at the provisions that recognise the PLO and give it control over the West Bank town of Jericho, just 10 miles down the road from Jerusalem. This, says Mr. Netanyahu, is the sword aimed at Israel's heart. It is an argument that speaks to the fear lurking inside every Israeli, and if violence spins out of control in the former occupied territories once the Israeli army pulls back, his argument would have more appeal.

But Mr. Netanyahu has an ideological problem as well. Even more than Mr. Rabin he is an Americanised televisinised politician and an articulate apostle of modernism, consumerism and the burgeois society. At the same time, as a security hawk he espouses the politics of the siege. These are cootradictory themes - Israel can't afford to spend more than 14 per cent of its gross domestic product on defence (proportionately nearly three times what the United States spends) and buy new cars and houses as well. It cannot be a mobilised garrison-state always on the alert and at the same time a ploralistic, tolerant democracy If Mr. Rabin's gamble pays off, the seams in Mr. Netanyabu's argument could begin to unravel. - The Washington Post.

Now attitude must change

Following is an editorial that appeared in the Oct. 8, 1993. ssue of the London-based Middle East International.

A MONTH ago, on the eve of the historic meeting in Washington at which Israel's prime mioister sbook hands with the chairman of the PLO, we pointed out that if the agreement between them was to come to anything there was an orgent need for two things: for speed in its implementation and for the kind of gestures that would encourage confidence on each side in the sincerity of the other.

"Since then, alarmingly little has been done to put flesh on the bare bones of the agreement - and those on either side who seek to undermine it will be correspondingly encouraged. Above all, there has been no change in the relationship between Israelis and Palestinians, between the occupiers and the occupied, no indication that the mutual recognition which took the world by surprise is to be the preinde to mutual respect and to a reconciliation which is genuine and heartfelt rather than simply a matter of political calcula-

It is on the Palestinian side that such reassurance is most needed, since it is they who have most to lose by taking what is essentially a step in the dark. It is not easy to confound the critics who cry that the PLO bas given up too much for too little. It is true, as Ahmad Jibril objects from Damascus. that Yasser Arafat has won no promise of self-determination, no right of return for the Palestinian refugees, oo promise hy the Israelis that they will remove the settlements illegally established since 1967 on Arah land, and no assurance that the destiny of Jerusalem will at any point be the subject of negotiation between the Israelis who have conquered and annexed it and the Palestimans whose home it was before the state of Israel came into existence. By contrast, says Mr. Jibril, the Israelis have conceded nothing except control of the Gaza Strip, which they were finding more trouble than it was worth.

The argument leaves out of account the ceotral Israeli concessioo: the reluctant and belated recognition of the PLO as the representative of the Palestinian people. It is a concession which until very recently seemed unimaginable and which signals the dismantling achieving a genuine of the principal barricade tion, the better for against an equitable solution to and for all of us.

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Old mysteries unveile Italy's turmoil

By Stephen Addison Reuter

ROME - This month's stream of disclosures about guerrilla atrocities that bave haunted Italy for years is a direct result of the country's institutional upheaval, political analysts be-

The passing of a powerful ruling clique that blocked all attempts to seek the truth has opened the way for oew light to shine on murky incidents of

the past, they say.

A growing number of gang-land informers and a sbake-up in the secret services are also playing a part, several say. But now the task for investigators is to judge how much of the new evidence is genuine. This week alone two very different kinds of claims on related themes bave domin-

The first came from the mistress of an army general who said the armed forces were planning a coup next spring. To make sure her story captured the public imagination, she invoked the traditional ingredients of Italian conspiracy theory like Vatican involvement, Mafia links and the pre-

ated newspaper front pages.

sence of right-wing guerrillas.

Donatella di Rosa's story is now widely dismissed as a farce but was taken seriously enough at first to merit an urgent military investigation and suspen-sion of the general involved. The second came from an informer who said the 'Ndrangheta - the Calabrian version of the Mafia - was involved in

the 1978, kidoapping of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro. Saverio Morahito, a selfconfessed crime boss who has been cooperatiog with police over the past year, has said the secret services had arranged for an 'Ndrangheta hitman to be among the kidnappers. Early indications were that

police are taking Mr. Morabito's information seriously. "The trouble is that there is

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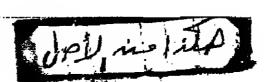
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Dubrovnik revives, a monument to human spirit and human shame

By Mort Rosenblum The Associated Press

DUBROVNIK, Croatia -You cannot walk the shellpocked marble mainstreet of this medieval masterplace without feeling uplifted by the human spirit and, at the same time, ashamed of the humao

Dubrovnik was a mess when I first saw it in January 1992, smoking and smelling of gar-bage. People huddled in hollows under the city walls, fearful that Serb guns would begin another nine-week siege,

Families mourned victims, innocents who died because they were the wrong sort of southern Slav. In a city as

Jagger's new album that boomed in Dubrovnik, echoing from the Cafe Troubadour, where laughing, flirting couples filled every table.

I already had. Wood planks covered urban wounds, but

In Delhi, avoid stepping on a resting politician

By Jawed Naqvi Reuter

NEW DELHI - It's election time in India and the sprawling homes of Delhi's political elite are crammed with "ticket seekers" desperate for a party nomination in next months

state assembly polls.
At night, the vast and neatly lawns of the British built bungalows allotted hy the government to senior politicians turn into open air dormi-tories for the milling crowds of potential candidates.

Tired men - and a few women - from the four populous states that vote next month, spend sleepless nights there before their fate is decided. Some come equipped with hlankets to guard against

the nippy air.
"In the evenings, you have to walk carefully, lest you step on a future government minister," said Sharad Dadheech as he jostled through the mob in search of a ruling Congress Party nomination to a constituency in the arid state of Rajasthan.

Mr. Dadheech, a small businessman, has been living like this in Delhi for a fortnight. He came with dozens of other bopefuls after a local politician "promised" to fix them election tickets through

bigh connections. There are dozens of us from all parts of Rajasthan who may have been duped." Mr. Dadheech said after he failed to find the politician he

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"Yes, I'm proud of this city," said Marko Breskovic, an aging bon vivant who owns the cafe. Very, very proud. We are all back. Just look around.

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was supposed to meet in Delhi. Others are said to pay

Figures of up to two million rupees (\$65,000) are widely "We are naive. We stupidly paid money to these people," said Gajendra Kumawat, from the central state of Madhya Pradesh. "I have been unable to get anything more palpable than frequent promises of a

money to top party officials.

They are all in town because of new elections following Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's dismissal of the rightwing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) govern-ments in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh last De-

He alleged that they had failed to contain communal violence in the wake of the destruction of an Uttar Pradesh mosque by Hinda zealots.

The rich, poor and unem-ployed all want a ticket to run, but not necessarily because they want to improve the lives of their potential constituents.

Winning or losing an elec-tion doesn't make a difference to many of these people," said BJP Vice President K. R. Malkani, whose party had to quell a near riot when disappointed ticket-seekers became abusive.

"Getting their names on the ballot paper itself gives them a lot of perks. A businessman will improve his business, a doctor will get more clients."

paintings: butterflies, linked hearts, toy-like boats out for a spin with no malice in mind.

Then I asked Marko about Jovanka Popovica, an 82-yearold Serb great grandmother who had served me her hazelnut brandy and demanded to know why the world let crazy people besiege ber priceless

She had jabbed a bony finger at my chest and ordered:
"You tell George Busb to come bere. I have something to tell him." She wanted to explain that ordinary Croats and Serbs were normal people.

powerful nations had acted in time, she said, they would have stopped fanatic leaders from crippling whole

Now it is too late. After I left in July 1992, in yet another round of shelling, a Serb 155mm Howitzer shell ex-ploded in Mrs. Popovica's house alop the fabled walls of Duhrovnik, and she is dead.

Near the troubadour, Lucijc Oresic's gallery features the vivid orange war paintings of Edo Murtic. She stayed to have a haby during the siege.

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each night calming ber 4-year-old son as shells fell.

Friends begged me to come to Italy to safety, but I did not want to leave Duhrovnik," Lucije said. "The world was ignoring us, and we knew we had to come through together, on our own.'

This summer, with the Serbs no longer threatening, Duh-rovnikers rediscovered their city. The usual tourist horde went elsewhere. You could sip a peaceful coffee or find a spot at the beach.

Businesses suffered hut reopened nonetheless. Maybe, some townspeople thought, the world no longer deserved Duhrovnik. Who needed all those outsiders who bad left this treasure to its fate? We should be more selec-

tive about who we encourage to come here," Marko said, beaming at the notion of a city turning away visitors. "We need sensitive people who appreciate this place."

This is not a unanimous view. Last year, on my first trip, Vesna Gamulin was the public relations fireball for the mayor's office. Now the local Croatia information officer, she is still a Duhrovnik zealot

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"They should come, every-one, more than before," she said. The city needed to earn

after 20 years in Italy to help in

they're reality."
It is good theatre. Colourful

sode of human neglect has ensured that old Dubrovnik will never be the same. Ugly cement patches fill the

A dozen domes of priceless

money to restore itself with no outside help.

Though proud of the spirit. she is angry that so little was being done to rehuild housing and basic services. The Grand Hotel Imperial, its top floors burned out, is still a refugee

Andro Maticevic, chef and owner of an elegant new eatery called Sehastian, came home

the rebirth of Dubrovnik. "It's a theatre piece we're playing," he said. "The people who can barely make it,

posters on the damaged walls advertise Oscar Wilde's The Importance Of Being Earnest. But despite the force of human spirit, the sbameful epi-

47 shell craters on the stradun, the marbled main drag. Even if new marble was cul, it would take five centuries of shuffling feet to match the original.

monumenis were hit, and much of the old city is marred by ugly gashes. Beyond what is visible, explosions shook Dubrovnik to its core, pushing

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could be catastrophic. We are doing just a few things," explained vronimir city cannot pay workmen to Franic, another old friend, an architect for the committee for

renewal. "We get almost no-thing from others." The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation sent roofing tiles. But the

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"It's all right, I understand, Franic said shaking his head People are like that I can't do anything about Azerbaijan or Somalia. What is anyone going to do for just another damaged city?"

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visit of Crown Prince Hassan to Washington last month. During the visit, President Clinton hosted a meeting between the Crown Prince and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and announced the formation of a Jordanian-American-Israeli economic

working group.

Details of the functions and role of the group have not been clearly defined yet, but diplomatic sources have described it as a window for Jordan to play a major role in rehailding the West Bank and Gaza Strip and developing a Palestinian economy there snpported by international fund-

After his meeting with the Crown Prince, Mr. Clinton also pledged that his administration would seek to help reduce Jordan's foreign deht burden and support the Kingdom's move to address its eco-

nomic problems.

Dr. Tarawneh said that Jordan would "pursue all efforts in various channels and directions to address its economic concerns.

"The Jordanian economy has suffered very badly not only from the Arab-Israeli conflict but also from the Gulf crisis and the sanctions on Iraq," the ambassador noted.

Dr. Tarawneh said an American fact-finding mission which visited Jordan last month to assess the impact of the sanctions against Iraq on the Kingdom's economy had not finalised its report.

But be said he had reasons to believe that the report would be positive for Jordan. Mr. Ross arrives in Cairo then to Amman tomorrow. He

today and flies to Tunis and is expected to Israel on Wednesday for talks with Israeli leaders and later with Palestinian leaders and peace negotiators from the occupied territories.

No date has been reported for a visit to Syria and Leha-

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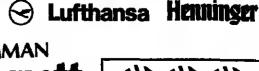
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Palestinians try to attract Arab investment Egyptian earnings

DUBAI (R) — Palestinians are setting up their first commercial office in the Gulf to seek Arab investment in the embryo Palestinian state. Saeh Bamieb, regional direc-

tor of the Palestinian Samed economic institution, said the office would open soon in Dubai, a booming centre for trade and business.

He said it would be the first of several centres the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) planned in the Arab World and some European countries to woo investors to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, the first areas of limited self-rule under

an Israel-PLO peace deal
"There is a vital need for a role by Arab investors in the reconstruction phase. The Palestinian businessmen wil also have a big role," he told Reuters.

"The Dubai centre will for the time being cover all the Gulf area until we study the feasibility and willingness of other Gulf countries to set up such centres." be told Reuters.

Mr. Bamieh said official contacts would be held to set up a similar centre in Saudi Arabia, which along with its Gulf Arab allies severed funds for Palestinians over the PLO's sympathy for Iraq during the quest of Kuwait.

The Gulf states have welcomed the accord on Palestinian self-rule in the Israelioccupied territories. Saudi Arabia has pledged \$100 million to help Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip implement the agreement.

Mr. Bamieh said the Dubai centre would help coordinate studies and information on investment in the autonomous Palestinian state.

'We will provide all the information on existing projects and planned ones and will coordinate any joint ventures between Palestinian and Arab

by hranches of international

firms," be said. It is very important for us to have total coordination with the Arab countries that should have a direct role in developing the economy and building the infrastructure of the Palestinian

'We are aware that as an independent Palestinian state we cannot exist economically outside our Arab environment," he pointed out.

The Arab Contractors Union (ACU), which covers most of the Arab countries, has sent team to Tunis to discuss business opportunities with the PLO and ask that Arab conplanned projects.

Mr. Bamieh said tbat although the centre had not officially opened it was already receiving many calls from Palestinian and Gulf Arab investors interested in exploring business opportunities.

The Palestinians say they want to concentrate on rebuilding public services after 26 years of Israeli occupation. A World Bank plan, drafted

before the PLO-Israel accord, estimated Palestinian reconstruction needs at \$3 billion over a decade. It raised the estimate to \$5.5 billion after the accord. A Washington pledged \$2 billion.

According to bankers, Palestinian foreign assets exceed \$20 billion while the Gulf private sector bas accumulated more than \$160 billion abroad in the absence of major investment opportunities in the Arab

"The offices we are opening will make contacts with Arab official and private institutions to seek their help to rebuild our infrastructure, the international role is not enough,"

"This stage of construction is as significant as the stage of struggle, if not more signifi-

from oil exports fall

CAIRO (R) — Egypt's net oil export earnings dropped by nearly a quarter in the first half of 1993 compared to the same

period last year despite rising crude production.

Official figures published Sunday siad crude production rose to 22.91 million tonnes in the first balf of 1993, up 5.1 million per-cent from 21.79 million tonnes the year before.

Gas production shot up 13.5 per cent to 5.35 million tonnes from 4.63 million tonnes in the first balf of 1992, said figures in Al Bitruul, magazine of the state-owned Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation.

But net oil earnings dropped by 23.1 per cent to 1.49 billion Egyptian pounds (\$445 million) from 1.93 billion pounds (\$576 million) in the same period of 1992. Oil export revenues dropped and import demands for oil products rose over the

Oil is one of Egypt's chief earners of foreign currency, along with tourism, the Suez Canal and remittances from Egyptians working abroad.

UAE central bank curbs major bank loans

Arab Emirates (UAE) has issued rulings limited the size of loans offered by banks in the UAE in an attempt to cut their exposure to potentially major

losses, hankers said Saturday. They said a circular sent to banks Saturday by the UAE central bank set a limit on loans equivalent to seven per cent of a bank's paid-up

capital.

The move was part of the bank's efforts to strengthen the banking structure in the UAE and bring them within interna-

tional guidelines, they said.

The central hank wants banks to have righter policies

come into force at the beginning of 1994 and also limit loans to other banks to 30 per cent of a bank's capital. Loans

banks to their parent banks would be limited to 20 per

But he said be did not expect the rulings to have a negative impact on businesses in the

The central hank said Thursday a study had shown the main cause of financial problems suffered by UAE banks were due to "defaults on big loans granted by banks to a single borrower or to a group of related borrowers."

Francophonie backs Paris on

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius (R) - French-speaking countries meeting in Mauritius bave backed Paris in its campaign to ward off Anglo-Saxon culture by keeping films and television programmes out of the GATT agreement on free world trade.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said Sunday that all 47 countries and communities at La Francophonie's summit passed a resolution sup-porting "cultural exemption" in the Uruguay Round of talks on a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"We unanimously passed a resolution asking GATT to allow for (special measures)... to preserve cultural identity that is to say the cultural ex-emption." Mr. Juppe told re-

'cultural exemption They cannot be treated like French President Francois cereals or steel sheets," Mr. Mitterrand made the issue the core of his opening address to the 48-hour summit Saturday.

He said free market mecbanisms and advanced communications could achieve the failed goal of communism - to strap the whole world into the straitjacket of a single culture. Cinema and television go

Both Mr. Mitterrand and United Nations chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali told the summit

that the organisation, which spans five continents and a wide variety of countries, was a model of diversity that must be very deep in people's souls.

cent, he said. on their large exposures," one hanker said in reference to "I'm sure most of the banks he affected. They have Saturday's circular. He said the new regulations some major loans to some hig groups," be said. BARAKAT FOR CHINESE CARPETS **MECCA Street** THE MOST EXTRAVAGANT CARPETS THE MOST EXTHAVAGANT CAMPE MOST ELEGANT HOUSE IN CELEBRATION, OF OUR ANNIVERSARY WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT AT VERY SPECIAL PRICES AND FOR ONE WEEK ONLY THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF THE MOST **EXOUISITE CHINESE CARPETS IN THE BIGGEST** SHOWROOM SPECIALIZED IN CHINESE CARPETS

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Czech leader warns against World Bank loans

WASHINGTON (R) — Czech Prime Minister Vaclav Klaus bluntly warned the World Bank and other institutions Friday against large aid programmes to once-communist countries, saying they undermind those nations they intended to belp.

Mr. Klaus said Prague had rejected some loans offered by the World Bank and the Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) because it would be "irresponsible" of his government to accept.

He said countries making the dramatic change from communism to market economies should accept only macro-

PARIS (R) — France bas said

that its five-year privatisation

programme bad got off to a flying start, with the sale of

Banque Nationale de Faris

(BNP) pulling in more than

twice the targetted number of

Alphandery said in a statement that about 2.8 million people

had taken up the government's offer of stock in the country's

hird biggest bank, asking for

ve times the number of shares

The offer had run for a week

up to last Tuesday. A similar

offer to investing institutions

was so heavily oversubscribed it bad to be closed down abead

sale was a "remarkable suc-

cess" that showed public confi-

dence in the conservative gov-

ernment's economic program-

Mr. Alphandery said the

of schedule last week.

Economy Minister Edmond

small shareholders.

available to them.

economic standby loans aimed at making possible the earliest, most basic reforms: Price and foreign trade liberalisation and currency convertibility.

"Anything else and any other form of lending is wrong," he said. "The World Bank and the EBRD are pusbing us to accept loans ...we tried to explain, 'you are pushing us to trouble."

We were the only country (in eastern Europe) that suc-ceeded in resisting them," he said, Mr. Klaus, prime minister of the Czech Republic since it split with Slovakia in 1992. was formerly the Czechoslovak

me and popular interest in

Analysts said there was a

Prime Minister Edouard

less emotive explanation for

investors' bealthy interest — the prospect of handsome pro-

Balladur's six-month-old gov-

erument, determined that the first of its 21-company prog-ramme of privatisations should

go smoothly, set the price of BNP shares at an unexpectedly

Although the share is not

re to open on the Paris

Bourse until Monday, brokers

said Friday that its so-called

grey-market price was already more than 16 per cent bigher

than the offer price at around

that the government bad to

make this one go with a bang."

said Christopher de Mattos at

"It's important to remember

280 francs (\$48.87).

low 240 francs (\$41.88).

France claims big success

with BNP privatisation

privatisation.

finance minister, a post he took just after that country ousted communist leaders in

An adviser to Mr. Klaus, Jiri Weigl, explained that when Czechoslovakia was still united, it rejected World Bank loans for financial and technical assistance, which would have required guarantees from the Prague government.

Mr. Klaus in particular railed against the World Bank requirments of a government guarantee to back up its loans,

saying it was "nonsense." "Either the project suggested by the firm, analysed by

Hoare Govett. "They priced it

very attractively."
The sale of BNP should raise

28 billion francs (\$4.89 billion) towards the 43 billion (\$7.5

billion) of share-sale proceeds

budgeted for this year to pump

cash into the economy and

ease a burgeoning budget de-

The drugs and chemicals firm Rhone-Poulenc, the oil group EFL Aquitaine and the

small retail bank Banque Her-

vet are next in line to be sold

Just which is to top that

The heavy over-subscription

for BNP meant that many in-

vestors will be allocated far

fewer shares than they bad

short-list will be announced in

the coming days, Mr. Alphan-dery told a financial confer-

ence later.

been banking on.

good, or not. To ask for an additional guarantee means to ask the government to start central planning again," he cial assistance

A World Bank official reacting to Mr. Klaus' remarks said that the bank had in fact granted a loan for a power and environmental improvement project in the Czech Republic.

Mr. Klans's perspective appeared almost unique in eastern Europe, where many

government officials bave beaten a path to the door of the World Bank and other international financial institutions seeking large-scale finan-

But as Mr. Klaus boasted. the Czech Republic is doing better economically than the rest of the post-communist countries. It enjoys a low inflation rate, a government budget surplus and an unemployment rate most of the Western world can envy - 3.17 per cent.

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FORECAST FOR MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: An associate may argue seriously with a higher-up today but be sure that you don't get pulled into discussion for no matter where you stand an the subject you will lose. Keep occupied with your own tasks.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Start the week right by getting into property interests that require attention and build up a new structure while tonight avoid a wackly companion.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You can take a good look at yourself during the day and can improve conscientiously whatever requires updating while tonight keep your purse/wallet

21 to June 21) You need to get private information for a better way to have your mundane affairs channelled in the days ahead and tonight study plans for the future.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can make considerable progress in gaining a long time desire so concentrate upon this today and tonight don't let a worry get you down.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21)
Start today right by tackling outside duties during be daytime
and you make big progress whiletonight don't try to gain a difficult personal aim.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) All kinds of advanced plans that can be helpful to your development for sometime to come are in effect during the day but tonight avoid the public lime-

LIBRA; (September 23 to Octo-ber 22) This is the day for you to get into whatever obligations you have assumed as you can do them very well but tonight don't get into new interests.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Sit down and talk out reasonably and amicably a problem with an associate and it soon solved but tonight don't continue the discussion

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A fine day to commence the week by achieving fine result where your promised work is concerned so get at duties early, later avoid a discon-

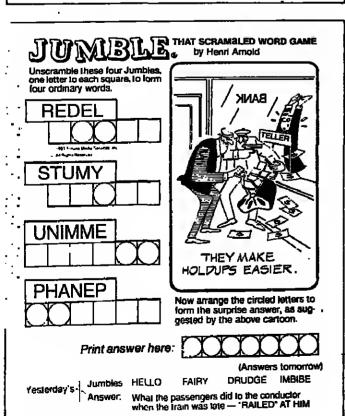
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You can start the week with real vision and im-agination about how to make your creative skills work in your belief but tonight force work

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Don't hesitate this first day of a new week to carry through with what you have agreed to dn for family members and tonight avoid expensive ple-

PISCES: (February 20 te March 20) Getting out the various com-munications that await your attention can be done with de-tailed efficiency now after which don't get in a family argument,



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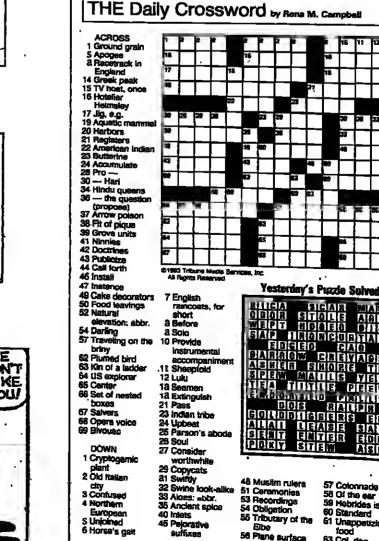
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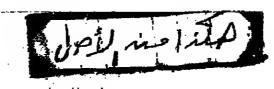












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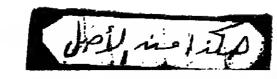
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Mauritania, Yemen seek loans linked to reform

ABU DHABI (R) - Yemen and Mauritania, two poor Arab states pursuing economic reform, bave asked the Arah Monetary Fund (AMF) for new loans, the AMF has said.

The Abu Dhabi-based AMF, the Arah World's main financial arm, did not say how much the two states wanted in new loans. "It is worth mentioning that

the two countries are trying to restructure their economie situation," said the AMF which links new loans to economic reforms.

AMF lending to Arah states stood at \$2.4 billion by 1992, \$805 million of which were still outstanding. Yemen has a total of 17 loan

agreements with the AMF worth \$317 million. Mauritania has 13 worth \$172 million.

Khartoum backs further away from IMF reforms

KHARTOUM (AP) — Sudan's military government is restoring criminal penalties for of foreign exchange. unauthorised possession of hard currency, but the crime will no longer send offenders

to the gallows.

The central bank's order marks a further step away from International Monetary Fund (IMF) guidelines that Khartoum must meet to return to the good graces of the world financial community. Already this year, commodity subsidies discontinued under IMF guidelines were reinstituted in a fight against uncontrolled in-

Neither move has any real effect, however. The fund took the unprecedented step three months ago of suspending Sudan's membership because

of unpaid debts.
Sabir Mohammad Al Hassan, the hank's governor, said inflation also is a target of the moves announced Friday

might. Another is to stop illegal currency dealing that is depriv-ing economy of huge amounts

"These measures are meant to curb dealing in hard currency, which is a parasite activity outside the banking system, Mr. Hassan said.

A dollar sold for more than 350 Sudanese pounds on the black market Saturday, compared to an official rate of 160 pounds to a dollar. When Brigadier Omar Hassan Al Bashir took power on June 30, 1989, and made himself a lieutenant general, the official rate was 4.5 pounds to a dollar with an alternative tourist rate of 12-

Sudan has been on the outs with the IMF for years hecause of its inability to pay more than. \$14 hillion in dehts.

Gen. Bashir's ruling junta hegan offering governmentowned husinesses for sale to private interests in 1990, a first

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step in negotiating a deal to regain eligibility for IMF loans. Its membership was suspended despite the efforts, however, a move that Gen. Bashir contended was politically inspired by the United States.

Under current foreign-exchange rules, anybody can possess and take out of the country any amount of hard currency without having to prove its

origin.
But Central Bank Governor
Hassan said the country will
return after a three-week grace period to a requirement for owners to bave a hard-currency hank account or an "official document of ownership" for all hard currencies.

The grace period is to allow registration of money or opening of accounts. The central hank governor said those found with undocumented money outside the hanking system would be put on trial.

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Foreign Exchange Market Summary (October 8-October 15, 1993)

AMMAN — The U.S. dollar moved higher against all other major currencies, as it ended last week 0.83 per cent higher against the mark, 1.56 per cent higher against Sterling and 1.03 per cent higher against the yen. The dollar's rally was inspired by the renewal of ERM tensions in Europe, in addition to encouraging U.S. economic figures.

The dollar was slightly higher against other major currencies Monday. Reports indicated that trading was thin as Tokyo and many U.S. banks were closed on holiday. Reports also indicated that traders preferred to stay on the sidelines and were rejustrant to take new positions while association for the were reluctant to take new positions while awaiting for the outcome of the German Constitutional Court's decision on the Maastricht Treaty the next day. Analysis indicated that uncertainty over the implications of a negative decision on the European Monetary System, prompted further mark buying. Other analysts added however, that even if the German Court rejected or questioned some aspects of the Treaty, demand for marks would be short-lived as this would not cause any change

in European governments' monetary and fiscal policies.

The dollar retreated against the mark Tnesday, but remained unchanged against other major currencies. Analysts indicated that the dollar moved lower against the mark despite the German Constitutional Court's acceptance of the Maastricht Treaty. Dealers continued to hold their long mark positions, built up the previous day in view of high German interest rates and increasing concerns over the pace of U.S.

economic recovery. The U.S. currency rebounded against European currencies Wednesday after a wave of speculative selling of Belgian and French francs lifted market expectations of renewed tensions in the ERM. The Belgian franc moved lower against the mark, despite repeated intervention by the Belgian Central Bank and the U.S. Federal Reserve. The French franc also moved lower against the mark as it closed at 3.5305 francs per mark. Analysis attributed much of the French franc's weakness to increased expectations that the Bank of France might cut interest rates soon. Selling of French francs for marks, related to a Russian deht restructuring, further hampered the French

The dollar continued to appreciate against European currencies for the remainder of the week. The release of mildly positive U.S. economic numbers Thursday caused the dollar to move higher against other major currencies, especially the yen. The dollar, ended at 107.45 yen, its highest for the week. The British pound continued to decline against the dollar closing at \$1.5147. Sterling's weakness was attributed to discouraging economic data and ongoing political tension related to Mr. Major's position as leader of the Conservative

Party.

While trading remained quiet and subdued Friday, the dollar moved slightly higher on sbort-covering to finish at its highest closing levels of the week at 1.6173 marks and \$1.5105 to the pound. Reports indicated that traders refrained from taking short mark positions because of tensions surrounding the ERM, despite the release of a set of positive U.S. and 107.15 yen, while Sterling ended it at \$1.5105.

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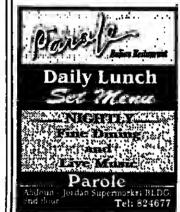
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Swiss Franc	1.4053	1.4278	11.58)\$
French Franc	5.6250	5.7238	[1:80]\$
Japanese Yen	106.05	107.15	(1.03)\$
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Sterling Pound	1.0430	1.0482	
Deutsche Mark	0.4269	0.4290	
Swiss Franc	0.4836	0.4860	
French Franc	0.1205	0.1211	
Japanese Yen	0.6442	0.6474	
Dutch Guilder	0.3793	0.3812	
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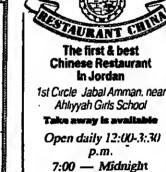
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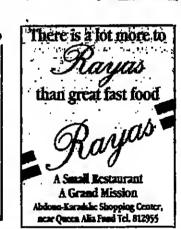
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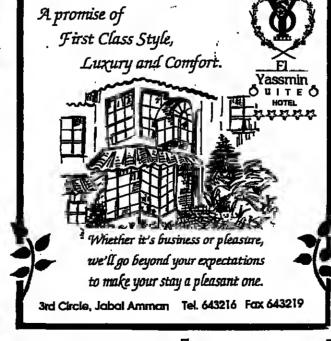


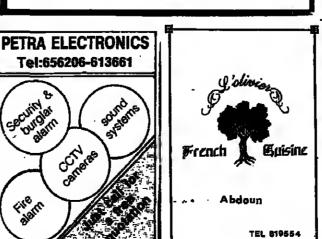


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tical parties loyal to President Boris Yeltsin have blossomed in Russia this weekend, with two forming a coalition shortly after their founding and a third courting the regional vote.

Their target is the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections, which will be Russia's first democratic elections for a Federal Assembly since the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917.

Two leading liberal groups. Democratic Russia and Russia's Choice, decided to form a coalition Saturday night at the founding congress of Russia's Choice, Interfax News Agency reported.

The pro-Yeltsin alliance, to be called Russia's Choice Coalition, will field a joint slate of candidates including First Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Shumeiko, Economy Minister Yegor Gaidar, Yeltsin aides Gennady Burbulis and Mikhail Poltoranin, and Democratic Russia's leaders Lev Ponomarev and Gleb Yakunin, the news agency

added. On Sunday Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakrai formed another pro-Yeltsin group, the Russian Unity and

SRINAGARJINDIA (AFP) ---

Kashmiri Muslim militants

holed up inside a mosque here

for the past two days threatened Sunday to blow up

the shrine if the thousands of

Indian troops encircling the

complex launched an assault.

mir's holiest Islamic shrine was

conveyed to Wajahat Habibul-

lah, a senior Kashmir official

who held a face-to-face meet-

ing with the militants inside the

As the siege of the Hazratbal

Shrine on the outskirts of Sri-

nagar entered a second day

with no sign of a breakthrough,

11 Muslim separatists were kil-

led by security forces in the

border town of Bandipora in

Neighbouring Pakistan, which disputes Kashmir's 1947

accession to India, condemned

the siege meanwhile as an ex-

ample of India's "callous disre-

gard for the religious senti-

ments" of Kashmiri Muslims.

fied calls for an unconditional

surrender, demanding that the

authorities permit them to

hand over a holy relic pre-

lim clergymen and the "gener-

They also demanded the lift-

ing of a curfew clamped in

Srinagar so residents could

make their way to the shrine to

take possession of the relic, a

single hair that Muslims be-

the Prophet Mohammad.

lieve comes from the beard of

militants, estimates of whose

number ranged from between

DUBLIN (R) — Irish Prime

Minister Albert Reynolds said

Sunday that a new plan could

bring peace to Northern Ire-

land and urged its divided peo-

ple to learn from South Afri-

ca's Neison Mandela and Yas-

Mr. Reynolds said a secret

new initiative by Sinn Fein, the

political wing of the Irish Re-

publican Army (IRA) and the

moderate Social Democratic

and Labour Party (SDLP)

ser Arafat's PLO.

Mr. Habibullah met with the

al masses" officials said.

The rebels in the shrine de-

complex, officials said.

an unrelated gunbattle.

The threat to destroy Kash-

bid to win support from Russia's regions in the Dec. 12

Both the coalition and the RUCP intend to launch their electoral campaigns Sunday

Speaking during the RUCP's founding congress in Novgorod, 200 kilometres south of Saint Petersburg, Mr. Sbakrai said Russians were scared of political parties.

"Seventy years of communism have given birth to a mentality of doing without parties," Mr. Shakrai said. He claimed RUCP had the

"moral support" of Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin as well as Deputy Prime Ministers Oleg Soskovetz and Alexander Shukhin. Mr. Shakrai said his group

had not joined the Russia's Choice Coalinon because it was likely to break up after the elections. "We want to be a stable

Russian Unity and Coo-cord's platform calls for a market economy and the restoration of economic relations across the former Soviet Un-

Besieged Kashmiri militants

50 and 100, inside the white-

marble complex on the banks

had planted explosives which

would blow up the complex if

the army tried to storm the

shrine, officials said, adding

that the government was re-

Another meeting was ex-

pected later Sunday, the offi-

cials said, ruling out safe pas-

sage for the militants. The law

would take its course, they

The estimated 10,000 army

and paramilitary troops sur-rounding the shrine were

joined Sunday by elite "Black Cat" commandos amid tension

in the valley, where a general

The head priest of Hazrat-

bal. Moulvi Bashir Farooqui,

called on Muslims to observe

three days of "mourning" to

show their anger at the military

Farooq, the region's leading

religious figure, urged Kash-

miris not to open shops or

businesses until the army lifted

prayer hall in the complex but

the authorities stressed that the

Prophet's hair was safe and

ruled out a storming of the

we can to preserve and main-

tain the sanctity of the shrine."

Kashmir Administration

spokesman Mehboob Ur Reh-

"The holy relic is safe. But it

is inside the same building

Irish premier backs N. Ireland peace plan

"could ... supply an important part of the basis for peace."

parts of the world enormous

progress towards solving bitter

conflicts and the achievement

of understanding hetween peo-

ple who had far stronger objec-

rive and emotional reasons for

remaining for ever irreconcil-

He cited South Africa,

where Mandela's African

National Congress (ANC)

"We have seen in many

"We are doing everything

complex "as of now.

man told reporters.

the siege.

Mirwaiz Moulvi Umar

strike crippled normal life.

viewing the situation.

The militants told him they

threaten to blow up shrine

of Nagin Lake.

organisation, free of scandals

and fractures

The party aims to create a strong federalist government in Russia and hopes to attract the support of those regional leaders who want a less centralised

The party also supports state regulation. "Large industrial and financial corporations, having sufficient resources to pursue investment policies, are the basis of economic growth," the RUCP manifesto says.

The elections follow Mr. Yeltsin's decision last month to dissolve the Soviet-era parliament, which had repeatedly opposed his reforms.

Hardline members of the conservative-dominated assembly strongly resisted the dissolution. After a day of street battles, troops stormed the parliament building on Oct. 4 and ousted the remain-

ing deputies.

Mr. Yeltsin bas decreed that a referendum on a new Russian constitution will take place simultaneously with the elec-

Meanwhile one in five Muscovites wants the organisers of the bloody uprising in the Russian capital executed. an opinion poll published Sun-

militants would try to remove the relic in a bid to spark

protests in Kashmir, India's

only Muslim-majority state.

Mass unrest gripped the

state in 1964 when the relic was

stolen but subsided when it was

found and restored to the

A curfew was imposed for a

second day in most of Srinagar.

Kashmir's summer capital and

the urban hub of a four-year-

old campaign for an end to

Troops patrolled the largely-

deserted city of 700,000 people

in vehicles fitted with machine

guns and foiled sporadic

attemts at street protests. No

violence was reported, howev-

barangued the Muslim seces-

sionists inside the shrine with

appeals on loudhailers to sur-

render. They were met with chants of "Kashmir is ours, go

back, go back," witnesses said.

had been ordered to wait and

residents of the area were told

to stay indoors and about 3,000

people living in the immediate

vicinity of the shrine were

Inspector General of Police

A.K. Puri said many of the rebels wanted to surrender but

were being prevented by a

Twenty-five militants were

arrested as they tried to flee

negotiated the first con-racial

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white government, and the

peace pact between Israel and

the Palestine Liberation Orga-

He said that to help the

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An army officer said troops

At Hazratbal, officers

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Indian rule.

ITAR-TASS news agency

said the Mneniye Opinion Poll Service asked 1,000 Russians how the ringleaders of the Oct. 3-4 revolt, in which scores died and many more were injured, should be punished, if found

A fifth favoured the death penalty, one in eight wanted them sentenced to life imprisonment and about the same number said the plotters should face more than 10 years in jail. But a quarter of those questioned gave no specific

Ruslan Khasbulatov, chairman of the dissolved parliament, and sacked Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi are among opposition figures in detention facing changes of organising mass disturbances. This carries a maximum sent-

ence of 15 years in jail. Russia still bas the death penalty, carried out by shooting, for more serious offences such as Moscow has been swarming

with troops, police and riot squads brandishing guns since government troops put down the revolt and President Yeltsin imposed emergency.

Bhutto nominee becomes where the militants have taken assembly refuge," Mr. Rehman said. The army operation was ordered amid fears that the speaker

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan's National Assembly elected Benazir Bhutto's nominee as speaker Sunday. virtually ensuring her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) will take power despite a hung parlia-

Western diplomats said the election of the speaker was a litmus test of Ms. Bhutto's strength to form the federal government and was expected to win her more support in hung parliaments in the provinces in crucial votes this

"We bad expected more votes," said ber mother and PPP leader, Nusrat Bbutto, after the house voted 106 to 90 for Yusuf Raza Gilani as National Assembly speaker.

week.

But anyway we have won and we are going to form the government in Punjab (province) and the centre."

Ms. Bhutto, 40, poised to recapture the prime ministership she lost three years ago, smiled with delight and joined other PPP deputies in thumping their desks when Mr. Gilani's victory was announced.

Her PPP emerged as the largest party in the hung National Assembly elected last week and has been locked in a tug of war with her arch-rival and ex-Premier Nawaz Sharif for control of the hung parliaments in Islamabad and Punjab.

Ms. Bhutto, daughter of Pakistan's first popularly elected prime minister, is expected to be chosen as house leader Tuesday, regaining the post she lost amid allegations of corruption three years ago.

The PPP and its main ally, with 92 seats in the 217-seat National Assembly, says it bas support from several independents and smaller parties, raising their total to above the 109

they need for a majority.

Mr. Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League (PML) is behind
with 73 National Assembly members.

The 44-year-old Sharif sat grim-faced as his chances of forming a government in Punjab — his former powerbase faded with the loss of bis candi-

Diplomats said independents in the most powerful province would now almost certainly follows the traditions of Pakistan's tumultuous politics by siding with Ms. Bhutto, seeing her as the certain fu-

ture prime minister.
In the vote for the deputy speaker, Mr. Sharif had already lost support with the results 115 to 81 for Ms. Bhut-

Both Ms. Bhutto, the Muslim world's first elected woman leader when she last came to power in 1988, and Mr. Sharif have engaged in an undignified scramble to win the support of independent deputies to the hung national and provincial assemblies, needed to form

cused each other of buying deputies to win majorities in



60 hurt in London anti-racist riot

LONDON (R) - At least 60 peuple, including 19 police-men, were injured in the worst street elashes in Britain for three years after an anti-racist demonstration erupted in vio-

Police were pelted with lumps of concrete, bricks and staves when they stopped a column of around 20,000 demonstraturs from marching on a bookshop in southeast London which serves as the headquarters of the extreme rightwing British National Party

As those leading the biggest anti-racist march in Britain since the 1970s tried to force a way through youths masked in

balaclavas, turned on the police, triggering a pitched

Officers in riot gear, many mounted on horseback, repeatedly charged ioto their attackers. Witnesses reported seeing policemen felled by missiles and many protesters limping away, bleeding and in

Ambulance services attended to 67 people after the violence in Welling, southeast London, and 41 were treated later in hospital. Nineteen policemen were injured, one seriously.

Police said 31 people were arrested for public order offences. Other arrests were cerdisturbances was studied, they

"Agaio in London we bave seen a cowardly mob of extremists with no intention of demonstrating for a cause. But they turn up to cause disorder, violence and damage," Lon-don Police Chief Paul Condon

that he expected trouble at the demonstration and had in-formation that 5,000 anarchist the BNP bookshop.

Germany and the Netberlands, eventually broke up after dark.

tain to follow after film of the of love'

told reporters.
Mr. Condon bad said earlier

extremists would try to storm The demonstration, which included groops from France,

could not be independently

The ministry said reinforce-ments, including Mkhedrioni

(Horsemen) irregulars, were assembling in Thilisi to go to

confirmed.

Samtredia.

Key Georgian town falls to rebels civilians in cold blood, but this

TBILISI (R) - Rebels battling to oust Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze captured the strategic town of Samtredia Sunday, the De-

fence Ministry said. Ministry spokesman Soso Margishvili told Reuters the town, a key rail and road junction between the Black Sea coast and the capital Tbilisi, had fallen after the last government troops had been forced to retreat.

The fall of Samtredia, which will drastically reduce the flow of supplies to Thilisi and also to the former Soviet Republic of Armenia, is a major blow to

Mr. Shevardnadze. The ex-Soviet foreign minister suffered the humiliation last month of vowing to defend the Black Sea province of Abkhazia to the end and theo having to flee for his life as it fell

to Abkhazian rebels. Mr. Gamsakhurdia's forces earlier captured another town, Khoni, to the north and now control a large swathe of territory in western Georgia, the the Soviet-era dissident who was ousted as president in January 1992.

Dozens of civilians and gov-ernment troops were killed Sunday when rebels backed by tanks captured the centre of a strategic town in western Georgia in a surprise dawn raid, the Interior Ministry said. Its press service told Reuters houses were ablaze and many

people lay wounded in Samtredia. a vital rail and road junction between the last Black Sea port in government hands, Batumi, and the former Soviet republic's capital Tbilisi. Government troops fled toward Kutaisi, Georgia's second

city, but most found themselves chased or surrounded by the attacking forces of deposed President Zviad Gamsakhnrdia.

It was not clear what had bappened to them, and there were no details on rebel casual-

The ministry accused the rebels and volunteers from the

Mr. Gamsakhurdia forces began their assault on Samtre-

dia at dawn, crossing the River Tskhenistskali in tanks and armoured personnel carriers. Government troops fought the rebels on the outskirts but resistance appears to have crumbled quickly.

Pro-Gamsakbnrdia forces bave captured at least nine towns and districts in western Georgia, the stronghold and bome region of the Soviet-era dissident who was ousted by opponents who accused him of-

ruling like a dictator. Georgia, a small, mountainous republic on the soothern rim of the former Soviet empire, bas been convulsed by ethnic warfare and tens of thousands of refugees have

stronghold and home region of

SARAJEVO (R) - The Mus-

.Sirens sounded a general afert Sunday morning in and sniper fire hitting the city a day after one of the heaviest

Saturday's artillery barrage, which killed eight people and wounded 55, could be a sign that Bosnian Serbs are preparing an assault on the city, Commander Bihir Karavelic

have said it remains unclear whether Serbs were planning

U.N. Protection Force (UN-PROFOR) in Sarajevo.

Aikman said.

Mr. Izetbegovic, a political foe of Mr. Abdic, ordered a military crackdown last month to suppress the rebellioo. Bosnian government troops control Abdic's supporters still hold Velika Kladusa in the northern

Muslims and Bosnian Serb officials met at Sarajevo Airport Sunday to discuss a possible exchange of prisoners of war as well as relief convoys for two besieged Muslim en-

Bosnian Foreign Minister Haris Silaidzic that Serbs would guarantee safe passage for relief convoys through its territory, including the Muslim enclaves of Maglaj and Tesanj. Serbs bave repeatedly block-

ed U.N. efforts to reach some 143,000 people trapped in the Maglaj regioo by encircling Serb and Croat troops. Airdrops have provided the only source of food for the starving residents who bave not recieved an aid delivery by land sioce June 1.

Croats and Serbs shelled the Maglaj area again Saturday. killing one person and wounding three, Sarajevo Radio said

Deputies at an assembly of the self-styled Serb Krajina Republic in Croatia debated Sunday who was responsible for a Croatian offensive that caught rebel Serb forces off-

guard last month. Interior Minister Milan Martic told the assembly io Plitvice that the Krajina Serb military leadership and President Goran Hadzic were to blame for the Croatian army's advances during the Sept. 9 assault

the pot in friedrice for 5,000

BANGKOK (AP) - Thai

chefs laid claim Saturday to making the world's biggest serving of fried rice, Asia's tre. Ingredients and cooking

Thatcher: Give John Major time

LONDON (R) — Margaret Thatcher, asked if her successor John Major would ever be a great prime minister, said Sunday: "Give him a little bit more

Speaking on the eve of her memoirs' publication, she said her differences with Mr. Major had been resolved and argued that "Thatcherism is alive and well" after a swing to the right at the recent Conservative Party conference.

Mrs. Thatcher launched a stinging attack on her former Chancellor of the exchequer Nigel Lawson, warned against defence cuts and virtually announced right-winger Michael Portillo as the man that eventually she would most like to succeed Mr. Major.

In an interview with Sir David Frost on BBC Television, the "Iron lady" was asked if she had ever made any wrong decisions in her II years in power that ended with her being deposed in a palace coup by her own party in 1990.

Goodness me. David. I think I was wrong nn a number of things but I cannot think of anything immediately." she

In her memoirs, Mr. Thatcher said there was a momentary silence when she asked Mr. Major to support her in the 1990 leadership party ballot against Michael Heseltine. now trade and industry secretarv. "The hesitation was palpable," she notes acidly.

Asked by Frost about Mr. Major, there was an equally pregnant pause hefore Mrs. Thatcher replied: "I think he has carried out his duties. Each prime minister does it in his own style and in his own way ...I was much a conviction politician."

Asked if Mr. Major would ever become a great prime minister, she said: "Give him a little bit more time and no leadership challenges.

After 18 disastrous months of policy U-turns and party mutinies, Mr. Major's popularity has sunk to an all-time low, but the recent party conference helped to rebuild the Conservatives' shattered confidence and restore some unity.

Mrs. Thatcher said: "Thatcherism is alive and well. I believe that was confirmed

very much by the prime minis-

ter's speech at the party conference which was back to fun-

damental principles." She issued a blunt warning against more defence cuts, now widely expected as Britain bids to trim its £50 billion (\$75 billion) budget deficit.

Mrs. Thatcher, who led Britain into war against Argentina and - as part of a U.S.-led allied force — against Iraq, said: "The only way to make certain that we can beat a tyrant whenever he sbows his hand is to keep your defences

The great thing about President (Ronald) Reagan, President (George) Bush and myself was, whatever we bad to do, we never had to think have we got the equipment, the trained men or the latest missiles? because wise foresight had seen to it that we had."

Mrs. Thatcher vehemently attacked former Finance Minister Lawson for not telling her he was shadowing the German mark as a dress rehearsal for sterling's entry into the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. 'I was astounded. I have never forgotten it."

lim-led Bosnian army faced renewed shelling from Serb forces in Sarajevo Sunday and tried to suppress a rebellion by fellow Muslims in the breakaway enclave of Bihac.

Sarajevo with sporadic artillery shelling attacks in several weeks.

an offensive.

date for speaker.

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coalition governments. . The two arch-rivals have ac-

the hung parliaments.

Ms. Bhutto has said the stability of her federal government, elected in Pakistan's third elections in just five years, could not be assured unless the PPP also rules in

Bosnian army fights rebel Muslims

Bosniao army First Corps said Sunday in the capital.
United Nations officials have reported Serb troop; movements around the city but

In the northwest Bosnia enclave of Bihac, Bosnian government troops clashed with Muslim soldiers loyal to the enclave's leader, Fikret Abdic, during fighting in two villages Saturday, said Colonel Bill

Fighting erupted Saturday

afternoon and continued for several hours in Johovica and Sokovi, with both sides exchanging machioe-gun, small arms and mortar fire, Col.

Mr. Abdic said his followers declared the Bihac enclave autonomous last month, and have criticised Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic for failing to reach a compromise peace agreement with Serbs

most towns in the enclave, but Mr. end of the pocket.

Sarajevo Radio said Momcilo Krajisnik, the Bosnian Serb

Aikman, a spokesman for the assembly leader, promised Japan to protest if Russian nuclear dumping is confirmed

TOKYO (AFP)-Allegations of fresh Russian nuclear dumping io the Sea of Japan drew angry reactions here Sunday less than a week after the issue was raised during President Boris Yeltsin's first official visit to Japan,

Japanese officials said Tokyo would seek an "immediate halt" to the Russian action if the dumping allegations by environmental group Greenpeace were confirmed.

"If confirmed, we will seek an immediate halt to the dumping," Hiroshi Matsuoka, director of the Science and Technology Agency's Environ-mental Disaster Office, told

Jiji Press.
"Under the London conven-

tion on dumping radioactive waste at sea, Russia and other signatories agreed to a moratorium... If the resumption of dumping is true, it is a violation of international rules," he said, adding that Tokyo was trying to confirm the reports through its embassy in

Greenpeace said a Russian Navy convoy it had been shadowing since Saturday started dumping a shipload of liquid radioactive waste into the sea some 105 nautical miles southeast of Vladivostok, headquarters of the Russian Pacific Fleet, and 295 nautical miles west of Hokkaido Sunday.

Moscow.

It sent a warning to Japan's Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) declaring the dumping zone a "hazardous area" and advising mariners "to exercise extreme caution."

The affected area was specified as between 41.36 degrees' and 41.46 degrees north from 133.23 degrees and 134.43 degrees sonth, roughly halfway between the Kitayamato Trench and the Russian port of Nakhodka.

A Greenpeace spokeswoman said the group's vessel was also broadcasting bourly warnings to all ships in the

But a spokesman for the MSA said the agency was reluctant to relay the warning from Greenpeace until the dumpiog had been confirmed. American tourists 115 V friendliest hosts

SYDNEY (AFP) — American travellers rate Sydneysides in friendliest hosts in the work according to a survey. A poll of, 38,000 Americans, conducted by the U.S. Conde Nach-Traveler magazine, asked them to rate their destinations based on the people, cultural enrichment, restaurant facilities, environment and ambeil ence. Of the respondents, 88,6 per cent voted Sydneysiders and the friendliest, ahead of thes citizens of Dublin (87.3 per. cent) and Auckland (87.2 per cent.). Sydney was also votedthe third most popular destination, with 80.7 per cent of those polled responding posi-Olympics, behind San Francis co (82 per cent) and Viennal

Marcos 'bridge failing down

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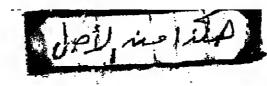
MANILA (R) — A "bridge of" love" built by the late Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos for his wife Imelda is falling down, newspapers, newspapers said Sunday. The 2.2 kilometre concrete span in the central Philippines had been weakened by cracks and a hole but repairs could not be made for lack of funds, Philippine News and Features (PNF) said in a syndicated article pubhished in Manila newspapers. Mr. Marcos ordered the bridge built in 1972 and wrote a love poem at its inauguration dedicating it to his wife. He called it "a bridge of love." It connects Mrs. Marcos's home province of Leyte to nearby Samar Island. Because of the bridge's deterioration, bus passengers are asked to disembark and walk its entire length, PNF said. Vehicles are barred from crossing it at speeds over 28 kph (12 mph) and drivers cannot change gears, to minimise.

French epic flim to compete for Oscars

PARIS (R) — Germinal, a.... multi-million dollar film about: 19th century French coal min ers struggling to improve their lot, has been chosen to represent France for nomination at the next Oscars, director Claode Berri said Saturday ---But Berri said his position infavour of an exemption for -European cultural goods at GATT world trade talks might -be a bandicap barring the film's nomination as one of the five foreign films to vie for the s best foreign film award. Berri told French radio: "I hope they .: _. will not vote against Germmal. . . . because I defend European culture ...I hope the Ameruniversal story, it's generous. and there's misery every where." Germinal, based on ... Emile Zola's 1885 novel, has been dobbed a box office challenge to Stephen Spielberg's Jurassic Park and is seen as a symbol of France's fight against a General Agreement: on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) pact aiming to end subsidies. and quotas of film and television. It was selected by a French film committee and still in has to go before the U.S. film. industry which will select the five foreign films to compete for the Oscar foreign award.

3 dozen chefs stir

fast-food equivalent of the West's bamburger. Abootthree dozeo chefs tossed 125 kilogrammes (275 lbs.) of chicken, 2,500 eggs, 12 kilog-rammes (26.4 lbs.) of garlic and cartons full of other ingredients in with 500 kilogrammes (1,100 lbs.) of cooked rice. stirred the mixture in a 5-metre. (16.5 foot) diameter steel wok. and about an hour-and-half produced 5,000 portions of what is known in Thai as Khao Pad. The 1,600-kilogramme (3,520-lb.) wok had to be lifted into place by a crane, and was ... heated by 56 gas jets. The effort, record-making rather than breaking because no one , had apparently thought to try it before, was to celebrate the 10th annual culinary arts competition of the Executive Chefs Association of Thailand. It coincided with the opening of an International hospitality Industry Fair at Bangkok's Queen Sirikit Convention Cenimplements were contributed by local and foreign companies. The food was trucked to nearby Klong Toey Slum, where it was to be distributed to poor people.



teams vie for ordan Cup title

3ỳ Aleen Bannayan al to the Jordan Times

MAN — The battle for 1993 Jordan Cup title has lly narrowed down to teams after an eventful rterfinal week that saw etime champions Al dat thrown out of the petition by lowly former ind division club Sahah. Ramtha, I-0 winners Al Ahli will face Sahab ofirst match of the semiil. round Monday. Al lissich, 3-1 winners over

Paisali in the other semi-1-match Friday. he teams will play the nd on-Nov. 4 and 5 after national team returns ne from matches played inst the United ArabiEmi-

icis, take on titleholders

his week's most surprisresult was Sahab's win a Al Windat in a match ided by penalty kicks ch Sahab won 6-5 after match ended in a 2-2

n-another match. Al ntha's Badran Al Shaqran e his team a I-0 win over Ahli after teammates Nart laj and Khalil Moham-1 lost definite scoring nces in the first half. he titlebolders managed a win over Al Jazireh after hi Suleiman received a from Firas Khalaileh. utes later Jamal Abu

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nessed the highest number of goals. Munir Abu Hantash scored Al Qadissieh's first goal hut Fuheis's Kamal Diyah quickly equalised from a penalty kick. In the second half Abu Hantash scored again followed two minutes later by the third goal by Thaer Ibrahim to give Al Qadissieh a berth in the semi-

Meanwhile, the Jordan Soccer Federation (JSF) decided to go ahead with the 1993 first division championship starting next month. The federation had postponed the kick off anticipating work at Al Hussein Youth City to be completed, however the teams will have to play at Al Hassan Sports City in Irbid and Al Petra

The JSF bas decided that the 12 teams will play a one-leg first round. The top six teams will then play a decidmg round of their own, while the remaining six will play a round of their own to decide the four teams to be relegated to the second division.

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oronto beats Philadelphia 5 in World Series opener

nce, but I can do some age," the graceful, self-ing centre fielder said. hn Olerud also homered

- scored twice and Roberto' · mar made a couple of nth inning that put the - que champions.

e Phillies, making their ... World Series appearance :0 years, broke out on top could never shake loose as Jays tied with times before

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came when he struck out John Kruk with two out and bases loaded in the sixth.

"It was a little nerve-racking," Leiter said. "I just said you've got to beat me and I went after him." One hatter earlier, Alomar

Mariano Duncan's grounder behind second base.
That held up a run right

"He's amazing, he saves a lot of runs," the left-hander said of the Puerto Rican

second baseman. thought I had no chance. But I kept sbding and reaching and I got it," said Alomar. "I don't

Schilling was raked for seven runs, six earned, on eight hits

and took the loss. "He just made some bad pitches and they bit them," said Philadephia manager Jim

Game two is Sunday, when Dave Stewart will start for Toronto and Terry Mulholland

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Asia may get 3 slots in 1998 World Cup finals

DOHA (Agencies) — Asia, which contains 56 per cent of world's population but has only two slots in the World Cup soccer finals, may get an extra slot in the 1998 championship in France, soccer officials said Sunday.

"There is strong logic and there is fair hope." said Peter Velappan, general secretary of the world soccer body FIFA's Asian Football Confederation.

The Asian continent is made up of 42 countries, hut poor soccer performance and lack of initiative in promoting soccer have been stumbling blocks in its uneven representation in the World Cup.

Japan, which has risen from the rubble of World War II to become the world's second largest economic, power and the world's top donor of international aid, has come to Asia's rescue.

"Japan is a very strong contender for the 2002 games." said FIFA Vice President Viacheslav Koloskov. "If Asia does well in the

U.S. World Cup, there will be a very good reason to increase Asian representation in the future games," said Koloskov of

Japan's GNP accounts for 13 per cent of the world total, its per capita national income ranks 5tb among the main industrialised nations and its unemployment rate is one of the industrialised world's lowest. In Doha, capital of the tiny

Arab nation of Qatar, which is hosting the World Cup Asian final qualification round. Japan has launched its campaign to get the 2002 games.
"Japan loves goals," read

prints on every gift that the Japanese are giving away. Stickers are pasted on taxis. botel rooms and even in sta-Japanese journalists and

officials promote their soccer in broken English to even Doha taxi drivers, who are mostly Indians, understanding

To make our dream come true we are broadcasting our message — World Cup Japan 2002 to the whole world," said a campaign poster.

"The holding of World Cup in Japan would be more than simply a major sporting event it will be an opportunity to lure the game of football at the ighest level."

The Japanese public relations effort, backed by major Japanese companies, is already paying dividends.

"We are yet to open the file for 2002 games and here we are with Japan offering everything," said Velappan of Asian Foothall Confederation. Joseph Sepp Blatter, FIFA

general secretary said that the world soccer body will seriously consider Japan's quest for holding the 2002 games. "We are aware of new Asian interest in soccer and the

Japanese push to get the

games. ... Yes, Japan is a strong contender," Blatter The Japan Soccer Association says 25,205 teams including children's and professional elub teams belong to the asso-

704,040. The association says 738 professional players are in Japan. of whom 421 including 47 non-Japanese belong to the J-League, Japan's first profes-

ciation and the players total

sional soccer league. The J-League kicked off its inaugural season earlier this

"Japan have done such astonisbing work that you can say they are almost halfway on the road. They will be difficult to catch," Blatter said.

"South Korea can only be a candidate, in my opinion, if there's a united bid with North Korca by 1996 when FIFA make the decision.

'China will have to digest the defeat of their 2000 Olympic bid before they look at the World Cup. They will have to make an evaluation whether it's better to go for the 2002 World Cup or the 2004 Olym-

"We would welcome a bid from China but it's too soon.'

man wins Peking Marathon for 1st time

Chinese

PEKING (R) — Hu Gangjun became the first Chinese to win the men's event in the Peking Marathon since it began in 1981, finishing Sunday with a time of two hours, 10 minutes and 57 seconds.

Hu overtook Daisuke Tokunaga of Japan with two km to go and hung on grimly to finish 12 seconds ahead of Tokuoaga to the noisy delight of the sparse crowd, watched bydozens of police in the city's Workers Stadium.

Hu finished second in last year's marathon, with a time of two hours 12 minutes and 45 seconds. "I feel particularly delighted

to be the first Chinese to win this marathon and in the best time ever by a Chinese runner," he told reporters after the race.

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Timman, Karpov draw game 13 of world chess match

Kasparov-Short match nears end

JAKARTA, Indonesia (R) — Jan Timman of the Netherlands drew with Anatoly Karpov of Russia after only four hours' play and 27 moves Snnday in the 13th game of the FIDE World Chess Cham-

Karpov retains a two-point lead over Timman in the 24game match. He leads 7.5 to 5.5 and needs 12.5 points to win the match and recapture the official world title he lost to his compatriot Garry Kasparov in 1985

Timman, rated 30 places below number two Karpov on current world rankings, arrived early for Sunday's game, resplendent in a shiny green jack-et and seemingly full of confi-

In contrast, Karpov did not come to the board until three minutes after the game had begun and appeared nervous and somewhat dishevelled.

Controlling the white pieces and the first move, Timman employed the quiet Reti opening, which aims to command the central squares with pieces rather than pawns.

Karpov seemed surprised by Timman's modest strategy and soon fell well behind on the clock. After deep thought be decided to counter in the classical fashion, establishing a strong pawn front in the cen-

Indonesia's strongest player,

grandmaster Utut Adianto, 'two million Swiss francs (\$1.3 was impressed by Karpov's million). "I believe black is

But Timman's ambitious 18th move initiated a series of exchanges that gave him the upper hand.

already slightly better," he

Four moves later, bowever, Timman missed a powerful queen move to the edge of the board, retreating instead and giving Karpov the time he needed to draw the game. After his 27th move Timman

could see no way to win and offered Karpov a draw. Smiling, Karpov aecepted im-Leaving the playing ball

Timman was surrounded by Indonesian chess fans who had paid 30,000 rupiah (almost \$15) to watch the game. Karpov avoided the crowds by disappearing immediately after the game via a back exit.
"A draw is okay," said an

obviously disappointed Timman. "I was better but I overlooked something. Still, it was not a bad game. Nobody made any bad moves," he said. Karpov and Timman re-

sumed their battle after a three-week delay caused by a lack of funds. The first 12 games were played in the Netherlands but

Oman hacked out of a deal to host the second half of the match and provide the purse of

After a desperate worldwide search, the FIDE reached an greement with the Indonesian Chess Federation to sponsor the decisive games, but with

the prize fund cut in half. The match has suffered from competition from a rebel world title contest running concurrently in London.

Karpov and Timman are playing for the official championship because Kasparov, the world number one, and his English challenger Nigel Short broke away from FIDE to organise a more lucrative contest in London.

The next came in Jakarta will be played Monday with Karpov having the advantage of the white pieces.

Kasparov, Short draw

Meanwhile, in Game IS Saturday, Kasparov cleared one of the few remaining hurdies on the way to a successful title defence, holding off Short's advantage of the first move and earning a comfortable draw.

Kasparov edged closer to the 12 points he needs to retain the crown and now leads II-1/2 to 6-1/2, with six wins, one loss

To determine the 5/8-3/8 split of the £1.7 million (\$2.5

million) purse provided by the Times Of London, the 24game match will not conclude until Kasparov reaches 12-1/2 points. Short could split the purse if he manages a miraculous 12-12 draw,

Both camps followed their usual match routine Sunday, with players consulting their teams of grandmaster analysts to prepare opening finesses for

the coming game.

Kasparov, 30, will have the advantage of the white pieces and first move in Game 19 Tuesday, and he has declared his desire to finish the contest with a win in that game.

Short, 28, told reporters that he intended to prolong the match and try to narrow the

Even though Short admitted that he was now looking for-ward to a rematch after his near-certain defeat, be has gained considerable credibility with experts after his strong performance in the second ball of the contest.

In the last nine games Short has held his own, and even Kasparov has conceded that the Briton is the favourite to emerge from the coming qualification cycle as the next chal-

"Nigel is playing solidly and better and has cut out mistakes maybe it is inevitble. The winner has some baggage on his shoulders," Kasparov said.

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man, who gave up four runs of five hits. Duane Ward got the

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there," said Leiter.

"When I went for the ball, I

worry about making errors, I always try for the ball." Philadelphia starter Curt

for Pohiladelphia. Philadelphia had plenty of chances, leaving 11 men on

Gosper urges calm over **Sydney Olympics budget**

SYDNEY (AFP) - Austra... going ahead with the bid withlian International Olympic out a thorough risk analysis Committee Vice President over Sydney's ability to meet here last Thursday, the cost of the cost of hosting the 2000 staging the turn of the century

Gosper, here for a meeting lion). of the Oceania Olympie Com-mittee, said he had been fielding calls from concerned IOC members, iocluding President Juan Antonio Samaranch. seeking reassurance on the matter.

Last week any lingering eupboria over Sydney's two-vote victory over Peking in the IOC vote in Monte Carlo on Sept. 23 was neutralised by reports that the treasury warned the New South Wales government that new taxes would be needed or public spending should be cut to pay

for the Olympics. It had also castioned: against

According to the documents Kevan Gosper says doubts released in state parliament Olympics have concerned the games would be 1.7 billion Australian dollars (\$1.1 hil-

Yet it was disclosed that the government's Games Finance Commission had not included in its hudget the 807 million dollar (\$528 million) cost of an accelerated urban renewal programme for the Olympic Park site, or the 500 million dollar (\$327 million) cost of the athletes and media villages.

Premier John Fahey said last week there had been no escalation in the projected cost of the 2000 Olympics and insisted the figures for staging the games and building the necessary infrastructure should remain

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Lendl improves Australian Open chances with Tokyo indoor win "I was trying to use my serve as well as I could and get the points, gave Lendl a triple TOKYO (AFP) — Ivan Lendl break opportunity in the fifth won his first tonrnament in six ball back low. Because he is a tall player, he likes the ball come months by beating Todd Mar-Martin managed to save up to him."

tin here Sunday to retain the \$1 million Seiko Supper men's tennis title. The former world number

one, suffering his worst-ever season in a decade after losing in the first round in nine tonrnaments this year, im-proved for a 6-4, 6-4 win. "It's important in the context of next year because I decided to play two more tournaments this year to try to

get some points to be seeded in the Australian Open and start fresh next year in good posi-tion," Lendl said. Martin had beaten Lendl in the first round of the Austrahan Indoor Championsbips last week but on this occasion a series of accurate returns kept him from the net. Once Lendl

took a lead in the fifth game of

the first set he never looked hack, hitting II aces and numerous service winners.

A lucky net-cord ball which bounced over the head of Martin, who lost the following two

them. But Lendl fired a forehand winner on his advantage point to take the set. Lendl was even more determined in the second set, con-

ceding only three points on his

serve and never facing a single

break point in the remainder of "I was having trouble holding my serve in the first set, there were three or four tight games. But all of a sudden, I started serving better. I was putting a lot of first serves in and getting a lot of free points on my serve," Lendl said.

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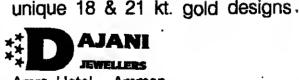


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U.S. says military action not ruled out in Haiti

WASHINGTON — The United States has not ruled out military intervention in Haiti to protect American lives and restore democracy there, President Bill Clinton's ambassador to the United Nations said Snnday.

Madeleine Albright told NBC Television Washington was monitoring the situation there very closely and was standing by to evacuate some 1,000 Americans if oecessary.

The protection of American lives is foremost in 'our minds," she said. "We don't rule anything in or anything out, this is a very tense situation, hut one in which we have to maintain calmness about our response.

Mr. Clinton on Friday ordered six U.S. warships to blockade Haiti and enforce a U.N.-imposed embargo due to take effect late on Monday. Oo Saturday the U.S. embassy flew in 30 additional Marine guards and set up a telephone network to alert American citizens about potential vio-

The Canadian embassy has already urged all 2,300 of its citizens to leave the country immediately

Asked if the United States would use military force if the situation in Haiti continued to escalate or if the U.S. embassy was attacked, Ms. Albright said: "We have not ruled out anything. We are coocerned ahout protecting American lives and restoring democra-

A warship appeared off the Haitian capital of Port-an-Prince Sunday, and two to three ships were already in place to enforce an imminent world petroleum and arms embargo, a U.S. embassy offi-cial said.

Spokesman Stanley Schrager said all six ships ordered by President Clinton should be patrolling international waters off Haiti hy day's end, 24 hours before the embargo is scheduled to begin.

Residents in the Carrefour neighbourhood of Port-au-Prince reported seeing the gray warship, with a helicopter in the back, off the coast, and an Associated Press reporter on an aerial survey spotted it halfway between the island of Gonave and the capital.

Mr. Schrager said he did not

April 1996.

The appearance came as

Haitians jammed onto trucks Sunday in a downtown plaza to leave following the departure of nearly all U.N. personnel.

Fears have risen as those opposed to the return of ousted President Jeao-Bertrand Aristide have announced that they will shut down the city on Monday. Previous shutdown calls have succeeded, with help from the military and allied civilian

gangs. On a street in the Delmas area of the capital, gunmen killed a young woman who had been carrying a suitcase, presumably intending to leave. There were no further details.

At the plaza, at least 150 people, including many children, were crammed onto the bed of one truck headed for the southern town of Les Cayes. Some straddled the side walls to fit. An empty pickup truck was mohbed with Haitians wanting to escape the volatile capital even before it came to a stop in the down-

Heavy gunfire was heard throughout the night in some capital neighbourhoods. The unidentified gunmen shouted to residents, "you can come out now, Aristide won't be coming back."

The country's international airport was jammed with American and Canadian citizens who were urged to leave Haiti or take security precautions ahead of the anticipated international show-

Some were missionaries or relief workers who have worked io rural provinces of Haiti, where peasants live in extreme poverty.

The stringent U.N. trade sanctions scheduled to go into effect Monday are aimed at chocking the military's hold on the impoverished country.

The estimated 7,000 military and police jobs in Haiti are coosidered some of the most desirable because of the regular pay and opportunities-todemand bribes and kickbacks.

The U.N. sanctions also include freezing the foreign hank accounts of army chief General Raoul Cedras and other military leaders.

Geo. Cedras refused to relinquish power as scheduled on Friday, a crucial step in the U.N.-brokered plan to return

was test-fired on Thursday off the Mediterranean coast, but

the warhead's firing system failed, the officials said. The Hetz,

huilt hy Israel Aircraft Industries and 80-per cent funded hy

the United States as part of the Strategic Defence Initiative or

Star Wars programme, was last tested on Feb. 28, when it

missed its target hy several metres. The first phase of the

project cost \$156 million and involved three tests. In April 1992 Israel and the United States signed an agreement on the

second phase, costing \$320 million and due for completion in

LONDON (AP) — The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) said Saturday it has apologised to golfiog pro-Nick Faldo for placing newspaper advertisements that depicted Yasser Arafat apparently whispering to him. BBC chiefs have scrapped the ad. which appeared in British newspapers this

week to promote the state-supported hroadcaster's new

24-hour radio station for news and sprots, which goes on air

next year. The caption below the spliced photo-image read, "From April 1994 they'll be on the same wavelength,"

emphasising that news and sports coverage will be combined in

the service. Some readers thought the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) chief appeared to be kissing Mr. Faldo, not confiding in him. A BBC spokeswoman. speaking on

condition of anonymity, said the ad was put together hastily and Mr. Faldo was picked hecause he was "one of the finest

examples of British sport." It was published without his approval and Mr. Faldo's agents swiftly complained.

German troops may leave Somalia in April

BONN (R) - German Defence Minister Volker Ruehe says

Sunday Germany's confingent in the United Nations mission

in Somalia may pull out of the country in April 1994. "April

next year is a likely date, but this has to be agreed with the

United States and with our European partners," Mr. Ruche

said in a television interview. Mr. Ruehe added that the German support unit of 1,200 soldiers would be reduced to

Rafsanjani denies backing Turkish rebels

TEHRAN (AFP) - President Ali Akhar Hashemi Rafsan-

jani, in a meeting here with the Turkish interior minister on

Sunday, denied allegations that Iran backed Kurdish rebel

attacks against Ankara. In talks with Interior Minister

Mehmet Gazioglu, Mr. Rafsanjani also said; "It is expected

that Turkish officials would explicitly deny these baseless

charges and make people aware of the enemies' conspiracies."

according to Tehran Radio. The Turkish media as well as

several officials in Turkey have repeatedly accused Iran of

providing logistical support to the fighters of the Kurdish

Labour Party (PKK), which has been waging a fierce battle

against the government in Ankara. Tehran has consistently

denied the charges. "We stress cooperation with Turkey to

preserve tranquility, and Iran will never let chaos and

insecurity prevail at our common border." the president said.

Mr. Rafsanjani also called for bilateral and regional coopera-

tion with Turkey, and for exchanges in economic and technical

fields as well as in the area of transportation.

some 400 to 500 men in November.

BBC scraps ad depicting Arafat

democratically-elected Aristide to power on Oct. 30.

Supporters of the military junta last week killed the justice minister in a pro-Aristide cabinet sworn in following the accord. They also blocked a small U.N. police force from landing.

Rumours were flying about Sunday the whereabouts of former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. Mr. Duvalier, who has been living in exile in France since his ouster in 1986, has not been seen for several weeks, according to a Miami Herald report.

His mother, Simooe Duvalier, was seeo in Haiti in September at a family wedding and it was not clear if she had flown back to her home in

Mr. Duvalier and his father ruled the nation with an iron hand for 29 years, looting hundreds of millions of dollars from the treasury. Some members of their private security force, the dreaded Ton-Tons Macoute, are believed to be among the civilian gunmeo now terrorising the city.

In Washington, Mr. Aristide said on Saturday he was confident the hlockade would force out the military junta and possibly allow him to return this month as scheduled.

He repeated his opposition to sending foreign troops to Haiti and said the removal of Geo. Cedras and police chief Michel Francois was essential to restoring democracy.

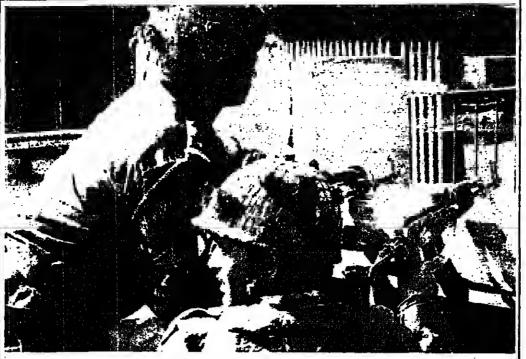
"The only thing we have to contioue doing is moving the way we are moving through this hlockade, in order to have them out," Mr. Aristide told the Cahle News Network. "Let's move fast to remove the killers from the couotry."

France is considering joining the oaval blockade of Haiti, French Foreign Mioister Alain Juppe said.

France was very concerned by the situation in the Caribbean country, and it will make every effort to ensure the accord on Mr. Aristide's return is implemented; he told reporters at the Francophone summit in Mauritius.

'We supported the Security Council resolution that reimposed the sanctions ... as to the oaval blockade, we are studying how we can take part," Mr.

'No decision has heen



SIEGE IN KASHMIR: Army soldiers take positions near Kashmir's holiest Islamic shrine

The militants warned that they planted explosives and threatened to blow up the Hazratbal shrine in the event of an army assault (AFP)

Signs seen among Gulf states of moves for better Arab ties

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AMMAN --- A recent meeting of a U.N. agency hased in Amman has brought out positive signs that the Gulf Arah coootries could he seriously considering mending the strain in inter-Arab relations caused by the 1990-91 Gulf crisis, a senior official said Sunday.

Thoraya Obaid, deputy executive secretary of the Eco-nomic and Social Commission of Westero Asia (ESCWA), described the outcome of a three-day meetmg of a technical committee of the U.N. agency last week as "a correct beginning at the correct time.

Ms. Obeid, a Saodi national who has been with ESCWA since 1975, noted that the meeting was attended by all ESCWA member states, including the Gulf countries, which "showed a serious willingness to discuss common technical issues and again find commoo grounds for cooperation."

Some of the Gulf countries had been staying away or seoding low-level delegations to ESCWA meetings in Amman in what was seen as a message showing their displeaspre with Jordan's refusal to endorse a military option to end Iraq's occupation of Kuwait during the Gulf crisis.

Syria, which chaired the Oct. 11-13 meeting in Amman, "contributed positively to encouraging dialogue" among the delegates, she

Without mentioning any other country by name, Dr. Obeid said, "all countries came, more importantly, the Gulf states were present and they were very positive in their comments.

"There was give and take between (the Gulf countries) and other countries of the

meeting and the Gulf countries "made real attempts to understand the scope of what was being discussed and to see where they can cooperate," the ESCWA official

said.

Although the meeting was at government experts level. the deliherations of the gathering reflected the "political will" of their leadership to seek to "bridge gaps...,"
Dr. Obeid said, noting the outcome of the meeting was to he presented to a ministerial-level meeting of ESCWA in April.

"The Gulf crisis has left many wounds, among the peoples themselves," she told the Jordan Times. "ESCWAhas tried, since the war ended, to find ways and means to briog the parties together to dialogue again over techoical, not oecessarily politic-

Dr. Obeid emphasised that ESCWA, a non-executive agency which offers technical advice and studies, responds to specific requests from the governments of its member states, and "if we do not receive requests from them, there is not much we can do about it."

Dr. Obeid said the Amman meeting as a "more developed manifestation of the attempt" to bring about improved relations among the Arah countries through finding "common oeeds.. and common projects in which they can participate and cooperate.'

"Our mandate is regional cooperation and as such our raison d'etre is to bring these countries together," she pointed out. "The important thing for

us now is to follow (up things in the field and try to establish common projects..." Dr. Oheid said.

An ESCWA report on the economic situation of the member countries of the

ated debate when some of the Gulf countries saw parts of it as accusing them of adopting discriminatory policies against nationals of countries which they considered as having sympathised with Iraq during the Gulf crisis, triggered by its August 1990 invasioo of Kuwait.

These included Jordanians Palestinians, Sudanese and Yemeois. Hundreds of thousands of them were expelled from the Gulf states io the wake of the Gulf war and oationals from other Arah and Asian countries filled their posts.

The "offensive" paragraph in the ESCWA report was removed from the report io response to a demand from the representative of Kuwait, supported by the Saudi and Qatari delegates.

ESCWA officials said the debate had not affected the "positive" atmosphere of the meeting and delegates took the cootroversy in stride. According to Dr. Obeid,

ESCWA's regional advisers who visit the member states are one of the best conduits for interaction and cooperation among countries.

"In a sense, the regional advisers are promoting the coming together through dissemination of information, transfer of information from ooe country to another," she said. "It is a good beginning since (we) are trying to bring common vision and common needs among them."

For the momeot, there are no common projects with the participation of countries whose relations were strained after the Gulf crisis, but they come together in technical discussions," she said.

In due course of time, she said, commoo projects could materialise.

She said water was an area where all countries in the region could cooperate and be beneficiaries.

France: **Aziz** visit apolitical

PORT LOUIS (Agencies) — France has allowed Iraqi De-pnty Prime Minister Tareq Aziz to enter a Paris hospital as a humanitarian gesture, French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said here Sunday.

Mr. Aziz, 57, had arrived in France for medical treatment, the foreign ministry had said in Paris earlier. The ministry declined to reveal when Mr. Aziz landed, but added the visit was 'limited.

Speaking in Mauritius where be is attending the summit of Francophone states, Mr. Juppe stressed that Mr. Aziz travels widely, often visiting the Un-ited States, and that his trip to Paris was authorised for medic-

'Maoy countries have relations with Iraq," Mr. Juppe said. France, "like other states, recently agreed to Iraq's setting np an interests' sec-

"Our aim remains to see that Iraq fulfills the resolutions of the U.N. Security Council, nothing more."
"This matter is simply a

humanitarian gesture," Mr. Juppe said, adding that all the relevant government departments has approved Mr. Aziz's

Presidential spokesman Jean Musitelli said here: "This is not another Habash incident.'

He was referring to the January 1992 visit to a Paris clinic hy George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, accused by the West of responsibility for a number of attacks.

The Habash trip provoked an outcry and forced the resignation of presidential aide Georgina Dofoix and the transfer of two foreign ministry officials.

Mr. Aziz is a member of the Revolotiooary Commaod Council, the highest decisionmaking body under Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. He came to world attention

while serving as foreign minis-ter from 1983 to 1991, during which he defended Iraq's positions in the Iran-Iraq and Gulf

An Iraqi opposition group said in a statement that Mr. Aziz, whose country bas had no diplomatic ties with France since the Gulf war, was planning high-level meetings to grant oil concessions to the French in Iraq.

French spokesman had no comment on the claim made in a statement by a group calling itself the "oational committees to save Iraq."

The Moroccan ambassador, whose country represents Iragi interests in France, was oot available for comment.

The Iraqi opposition group said last week Mr. Aziz began planning the French stay two months ago under the guise of medical treatment to discuss "giving France and Freoch companies important previleges in Iraq and control over oil and the Iraqi economy."

Barbara Bush does not miss Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — For mer first lady Barbara Bush who spent 25 years in Washing. ton, says there's not much she misses about the nation's ordital. "My children, my friends," she said Saturday night. She paused. "Are you waiting for more?" Mrs. Bush spoke with a handful of reporters prior to speaking before about 150 people at the 1993 Maxwell House, Real Heroes" Awards dinner, an event honouring 50 Americans for their volunteerism. During her speech, Mrs. Bush said she and her husband have rediscovered cooking, driving and privacy sioce leav-ing the White House. "Our lives have changed dramatically." she said. "On January, 20th we woke up and we had a household staff of 93. The very. next morning, we woke up ind it was George, me and two dogs — and that's not all that had." She said the former president has been traveling, play-ing golf, writing a book and answering letters, which continue to roll in at a rate of 500 2 day. "And let me tell you, George is the best little dis-hwasher in Texas," she said.

Spanish artist decorates hotel room

SITGES, Spain (R) — A hoth accused a Spanish artist painting the walls, sheets and towels of his hotel room in a bid to recapture the arretic freedom of modernism. Aritonio Xaus painted clonds on the ceiling, a nude couple on the sheets and a night-time street scene on the walls of the room during his three-day stay at the Estela-Barcelona Hotel, at Sitges in northern Spaio, hotel authorities said. The paiotings were discovered when Xaus and his wife left, a pair of painted onderpants were also eft behind. The hotel said Xaus left a note in the room saving the paintings were "an act of artistic provocation in accordance with the purest modernist style." The hotel is claiming damages against Xaus although a spokesman admitted: "You can't exactly call it,

Peruvian Vargas Llosa wins Spain's richest book prize

BARCELONA (AP) - One of the leading authors of the Lation American literary boom has won Spaio's richest book prize. Peruvian Mario: Vargas Llosa received the 50-millioo-peseta (\$380,000) Planeta Prize for his unpublished novel, Lituma En Los. Andes (Lituma in the Andes) which deals with the spiraling; violence in his native country following the emergence of the Shining Path guerrilla move-ment. The Planeta Prize awarded hy the Planeta Pub lishing Group, virtually guarantees that the winning novel will be a bestselle, in Spain and much of the Spanish-speaking world. Mr. .Var-gas Llosa, 57, who ran unsuccessfully against Alberto Fnjimon for the Peruvian presidency in 1990, said at the awards hanquet he had gathered much of the inspiration for the novel during his campaigning throughout the country. He said he had tried to deal with the phenomenon of the return to harbarism in his native land through use of the legend of the Dionysus, the ancient Greek god of fertility and wine. Mr. Vargas Llosa, together with Colombian Gabriel Garcia Marquez, ares among the most well-known authors of the Latin American literary boom that erupted in? the late 1960s and 1970s, thanks in great part to the efforts of Barcelona-based literary agent Carmen Balcells.

Stage fright blanks out shell fright for some in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (AP) - Sitting\$ in a courtyard, Vedrana Bozinovic drew nervously on a cigarette as a sniper round! popped in the distance. "I'm scared to death," she said. But 0 Ms. Bozinovic, 17, was fighting b stage fright, not fear of snipers. She was awaiting her turn to try out for a coveted spot in Sarajevo's Academy of Performing Arts. In a bid to preserve the Bosnian capital's special culture, the academy has held three auditions - two for actors, one for directors doring the I8-month-old Seth siege of the city.

NEWS IN BRIEF blasts Israeli anti-missile missile fails test TEL AVIV (AFP) - The sixth test firing of Israel's Hetz anti-missile missile ended in failure when its warhead did not explode, military officials said Sunday. The Hetz, Hehrew for Arrow, came within 10 metres of an incoming missile when it

U.S. foreign policy.
Mr. Clinton and Mr. Christopher, in separate interviews
with Washiogton Post puhlished oo Sunday, also fired ber 1992 election.

Mr. Clinton faulted Britain

He said the embargo's main effect was to pot the Muslimled Bosnian government at a

it was far more important to avoid lifting the arms embargo than to save the country," Mr. Christopher also re-

buked Europe on Bosnia, accusing it of trying to "blame America" to cover up for "not having resolved the problem that Europe failed to resolve

Clinton Europe on Bosnia

WASHINGTON (R) - President Bill Clintoo and Secretary of State Warren Christopher have blasted Europe's policy on the former Yugoslavia and admitted mistakes on Somalia in sonl-searching interviews on

back at the Bush administratioo's foreign policy team, which appeared last week to have ended an informal ceasefire in effect since the Novem-

and France in particular for failing to go along with his initial push to lift a United Nations embargo on arms shipmeots to Bosnia and use airstrikes against the Serbs to curb further aggression.

disadvantage against its betterarmed Serbian and, to a lesser extent, Croat foes.
"I mean, I had the feeling that the British and French felt

"Western Europe is no longer the dominant area of the world," Mr. Christopher said, adding: "There is a lot of criticism coming from Western Europe but I don't see or hear that coming from Asia."

On Somalia, Mr. Clinton acknowledged a mistake in letting the military effort take precedence over diplomacy. He said he had not focused oo the problem until after forces of Somali clan leader Mohammad Farah Aideed were accused of killing 24 Pakistani U.N. peacekeepers last June 5.

region "during the Amman U.N. agency sparked a he-Qadhafi blasts U.N., Iranian team in Iraq its secretary-general to discuss relations

CAIRO (Agencies) — Lihyan leader Muammar Qadhafi said Sunday the Arah World was threatened by new colonialists in the United Nations and accused its secretary-general of being a "postman" for the

Colonel Qadhafi's speech came oo the eve of a U.N. Security Council vote to expand sanctions against his country for its refusal to seed two Libyans for trial in Britain or the United States on charges of hlowing up Pan Am Flight

"The Arab World is facing a real enemy in the United Nations," Col. Qadhafi told a youth meeting in the Mediterranean city of Mis-

Col. Qadhafi, in remarks carried by Lihya's JANA news agency and monitored io Cairo, warned of the return of "colonising nations," an apparent reference to Britain and France which are joining the United States in pushing for stricter sanctions.

U.N. sanctions in place since April 1992 ban international flights and arms sales and have reduced diplomatic representation. The broader sanctions to be considered by the Security Council would ban sales of some vital oil production

equipment.
Two Libyan intelligeoce agents are accused of killing 270 people with a bomb on Pan Am flight 103, which crashed over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988. Libya insists on haviog the men tried at home or in a country other than the United States or Britain.

In his speech, Col. Qadhafi reserved his harshest words called for U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali, urgiog the Egyptian diplomat to res-

ign.
"The U.N. secretary-general can only act as a postman, taking messages back and forth without suggesting any solu-tions," he said. "His transformation to postman is an insult to the Arabs because his Arah identity is heing

Lihya appeared to be trying to hreak its deadlock with the West hy stating last week that it would encourage the men to stand trial in Scotland.

But after a two-day meeting between the defendants and a neam of international lawyers last week. Scottish lawyer Alistair Duff said he did not expect the men to surrender for trial in anywhere in Britain or the United States.

"The only thing for him to do to protect the honour of Egypt, since he is Egyptian, and to protect Arah honour because he is an Arab, is to resign after they put him in this terrible position," Col. Qadha-fi said of Dr. Ghali.

Col. Qadhafi illustrated his postman metaphor with the Lockerhie crisis.

NICOSIA (AP) — An Iranian delegation headed by a Foreign Ministry official arrived in Baghdad Sunday, the first high-level exchange between the two countries io three

The state-run Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the team, headed hy Javad Zarif, deputy foreign minister for international affairs, will start official talks Monday. The agency, monitored in

try's director-geoeral, Saad Abdul Majid Al Faisal, will head the Iraqi team. Irao and Iraq fought a 1980gg war. Although the two countries reopened emhassies in each others' capitals in 1990. their relations have been

Cyprus, said the foreign miois-

clouded by mutual mistrust. Mr. Zarif told reporters before leaving Tehran that his main mission in Iraq would be. to try and settle the issue of remaining prisoners of war and outstanding articles of the U.N.-sponsored cease -fire agreement that halted the war.

"A settlement of these issues is important if goodneighbourliness and stability are to be created in the region," Tehran Radio quoted Mr. Zarif as saying. Tehran and Baghdad have

exchanged more than 37,000 prisoners since they stopped fighting, but Iran still holds some 20,000 Iraqis and Iraq holds 5,000 Iranians, according to the Red Cross.

Mr. Zarif said news reports in the west and in Arah countries, alleging that Iran was trying to promote commercial ties with Baghdad, were

International trade with Iraq has been banned by the United Nations since August 1990, when Iraq invaded Kuwait and occupied it for seven months. Such rumours result from the touchiness io some circles especially the United States

- regarding the creation of good-neighbourliness between ... Iran and Iraq," the radio, also monitored in Cyprus, quoted Mr. Zarif as saying. In recent months, U.S. officials have articulated a policy of "dual containment" of Iran and Iraq as a way of weakening two of Washington's most recalcitrant adversaries.

Iran, which under the late Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had vowed never to resume ties with Iraq's Saddam Hussem, has recently been trying to move closer to Baghdad (see page 2). Iran's interest in Iraq was

piqued following reports that Baghdad could be close to an agreement with the United Nations to resume its banned oil exports, perhaps in as little as six months.

Iran, Iraq's eastern neighbour, stands to gain a windfall from a revived Iraqi economy in need of everything, from food to industrial and consumer goods.

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